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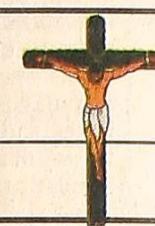
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Heavy rains last week turned some of the sewer construction areas into muddy paths etc, raising some concerns among parents of Merriman Elementary School children. MCN Special Photo

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New school mystery: who will run this June?

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Who will replace current Romulus Community School Board President Julie Oleszkowicz and trustee Judie Gondek on the board this summer, after the pair step down following single four-year terms?

Both vowed last year that they would not seek re-election and expressed hopes that some other Romulus parents would seek to fill their seats.

In the past, Romulus School trustees served three or more terms, such as current trustees Kenneth Berlinn and Howard Kesner and former trustee Sandra Langley.

But current board members are opting for one term and out...including trustee Eva Webb, who announced late last year that she also will only be a one term trustee.

The dearth of excitement surrounding this year's pre-election period is scary to some, since those elected this June will have major votes in the selection of Superintendent William Bedell's successor in coming years.

The school trustees also control the spending of the major tax dollar elements each year and oversee program development for the community's top product - the school district's children.

In earlier years, school board candidates used their time on the board as a stepping stone to higher political office. But that day has ended at least for now in Romulus - with the one term and out syndrome.



Julie Oleszkowicz



Judie Gondek

election is set for June 8.

According to school district sources, trustees are paid \$55 per meeting and they usually attend four a month (including two board meetings on the second and fourth Monday nights.)

School info slated to begin on cable

The Cable TV informational channel for the Romulus School District is about to come alive next week, 24-hours a day, seven days a week on Channel 41.

The channel will offer up-to-date information on each of Romulus' schools under the direction of Romulus High School Video Production teacher Bill Bradford.

Bradford attended Monday night's school board meeting to show a tape of the planned video production and answer board members questions.

Initially the information will be simply a script news formula. Later still photos will be added to the system and sometime in the future full video capabilities - including school board trustee meetings.

In other board action, veteran school bus driver Joann Hunter was honored for 29

years of service to the district's students. Assistant Superintendent Joel Carr stated "Mrs. Hunter drove a school bus for 29 years and never received a moving violation or any other ticket. She is a perfect model of what a school bus driver should always be."

The trustees also approved the budgeted costs for next month's musical *Pippin*. (See story below.)

The school district also received a thank-you letter from the Oakwood Teen Health Center for hosting the presentation "Adolescent Girls in the 90s" in December.

Kathy Hurst, head of the high school's Operation Serve program, revealed the school has received another \$25,000 federal grant to continue their leadership program in the community.

Pippin production on stage in March

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

With auditions completed and the cast chosen, the Romulus High School music department is now readying its production of *Pippin* slated for the end of March.

Advance ticket sales are now being offered, according to information supplied by Romulus School Board Trustee Judie Gondek. Tickets will also be sold at the door for the performances on March 26-28.

Gondek revealed that the district's vocal and dance instructor Judith Thompson-Barthwell chose the 1973 Tony award play for this year's production.

The story follows a young man through his journey of discovery and growth of who he is and where he fits in, Gondek reported.

Two students -- Lonnell

Smith and Rebecca Oleszkowicz -- have been selected as the lead player. Both are veterans of last year's show *The Wiz*.

A student James Procter will play the role of Pippin.

Others in the cast include: Gregory Scott, Kathy Rangel, Lloyd Ellis, Sarah Weinschenk and Ebony Thompson. In addition there are over 30 other students, who will be the players.

Back for the second year will be Kathi Bush, former director of *The Wiz* and Sherri Dombrowski, who was the overseer for the costuming used in *The Wiz* presentation last year.

Thompson-Barthwell is enthusiastic about this year's production, which should even top past efforts with *Annie* and *The Wiz* in recent years.

Both interest in the programs and the quality have continued to rise, she said.



Additional renovations are now being planned for the 1855- era Romulus home that some day is expected to house 19th century furniture and other artifacts. The house has now been placed on a permanent foundation and heat and electric have been installed. Other upgrades are in the planning stage. MCN Special Photo

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Police Beat

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Police Writer

Romulus Reports

Sometime between Feb. 7 and Feb. 13, a AM/FM CD player was stolen from a 1998 Chevy Tahoe from 31800 Wick Rd.

On Feb. 14, it was discovered that a Cell phone and factory installed stereo/CD player had been stolen from a 1996 Oldsmobile Bravada from the

Comfort Inn between Feb. 5 and Feb. 14.

Police received a call from a location in the 31000 block of Wick Road on Feb. 15. Luggage and clothing were stolen from a 1996 Dodge Pick-up truck.

The door handle and lock were damaged on the truck.

A brick was thrown through the window of a 1986 Mercedes Benz which was parked at the Marriott on Flynn Dr. A radar detector was stolen from the car.

At 6:40am, Romulus Police received a medical emergency call from the Hilton Suites on Wickham Road.

An 18 year old man from Westland had fallen or jumped from a third floor balcony.

He was transferred to Ann Arbor Hospital and then airlifted to U of M Ann Arbor. He is reported to be in serious condition at this time.

A radar detector was stolen from a 1995 Pontiac Sunfire. This call came from the 8000 block of Merriman Road. A brick was thrown through a window to gain entry of the car.

A red 1992 Ford Explorer, plate number NHK463, was stolen from a parking lot in the 35000 block of Stephanie on Feb. 16 between the hours of 3:00am and 1:30pm.

On Feb. 16 at 4:14pm, a man entered Romulus IGA and stated that he had a gun in his

pocket. He told the cashier it was a hold up.

After the man received the money, he ordered the cashier to the back of the store. There were no other witnesses to the theft.

The man is described as a black male, age 25-30, 5'7" - 5'10", heavy build, waist length black leather coat with dark green shoulders, a black ball cap with small emblem and dark sunglasses.

Another armed robbery was responded to on Feb. 16, this one at the Super 8 on Mid-dlebelt.

A smart employee hid after seeing the thief enter the hotel. After entering the hotel, the thief jumped over the counter and opened the drawers. After not finding any money, the man left.

He is described as an (race unknown) man with a stocky build wearing a black stocking mask. He was armed with a "brown" handgun.

A white Dodge Daytona was seen leaving the area at a high rate of speed. This occurred at about 10:05pm.

Police made two warrant picks up on Feb. 13. The first was at the Washtenaw County Sheriff. The second at Rawsonville and I-94.

Sounds like Feb. 13 was a lucky day for Van Buren Police Officers.

Someone called to ask for assistance in gaining entry to their car. They had accidentally locked the keys in a running car with an infant inside. All was well when police opened the doors.

A car was spotted at the Red Roof Inn and the Super 8 motel which was wanted in connection with a bank robbery in Lansing.

When police arrived, they were not able to locate the car at either location.

Four domestic disputes had police running in the afternoon hours of Feb. 14. The first was from Archwood. When they arrived, they found no problems at all.

The next call was from Van Buren Estates. The persons involved were separated for the evening.

The third call was from E. Archwood. Again, the allegations were unfounded.

The last call was from Ash St. This situation ended when the female party left.

An arrest was made at Meijers on Feb. 14 at 5:30pm for retail fraud.

A call from Marlowe Street reported malicious destruction of property on Feb. 14 at 10:00pm.

A stranded car on Ecorse and I-275 was causing a road hazard. Police helped the lady in the car get it going and she was sent on her way.

A caller said that there was a person walking in traffic on Sumpter Road at Hull. When police arrived, they found the person to be walking on the shoulder of the road.

A window at the Van Buren Estates had been broken out by a rock being thrown through it on Feb. 14 at 2:09am.

Someone called police from Archwood to say there was a suspicious looking car in the parking lot area.

Police went to the apartments and checked out the persons in the car. Everything checked out OK.

A medical emergency call sent police to a home on Hoeft Road in the early morning hours of Feb. 14. The person was having problems breathing.

Huron Valley Ambulance transported the person to the hospital.

Someone was playing their music too loud for neighbors at Lighthouse. Police went to the location and advised them to turn it down.

On Feb. 14 at 6:40am, a man walked in to the police station to post bond for a prisoner.

Turned out that the man

posting the bond was wanted on a Felony Warrant from the Southfield Police. He was taken into custody immediately.

A caller from Harbour Club said that their car had just been broken into. Police responded immediately, but were not able to locate the crooks.

Van Buren Officers made a warrant pick up on Hannan Road on Feb. 14 at 10:00am. The person arrested had \$2200 in outstanding warrants.

A driver called police and said someone was walking the roads at Michigan and Rawsonville. Turned out that it was a mental patient from a group home in the area.

Police drove him back to the home.

A bad accident happened at the S. Service Dr. and Quirk Roads. Four people had to be extricated from the cars. All 4 were transported to the hospital.

Inkster Police held a prisoner until Van Buren could get there to make a warrant arrest.

Van Buren police were called to Beyer Hospital to stand guard over a prisoner that had been transported there.

Someone was bitten by a dog at the 11000 block of Borgman on Feb. 15.

A domestic dispute sent officers to the 11000 block of Ryznar. Police were able to clear up the dispute before they left.

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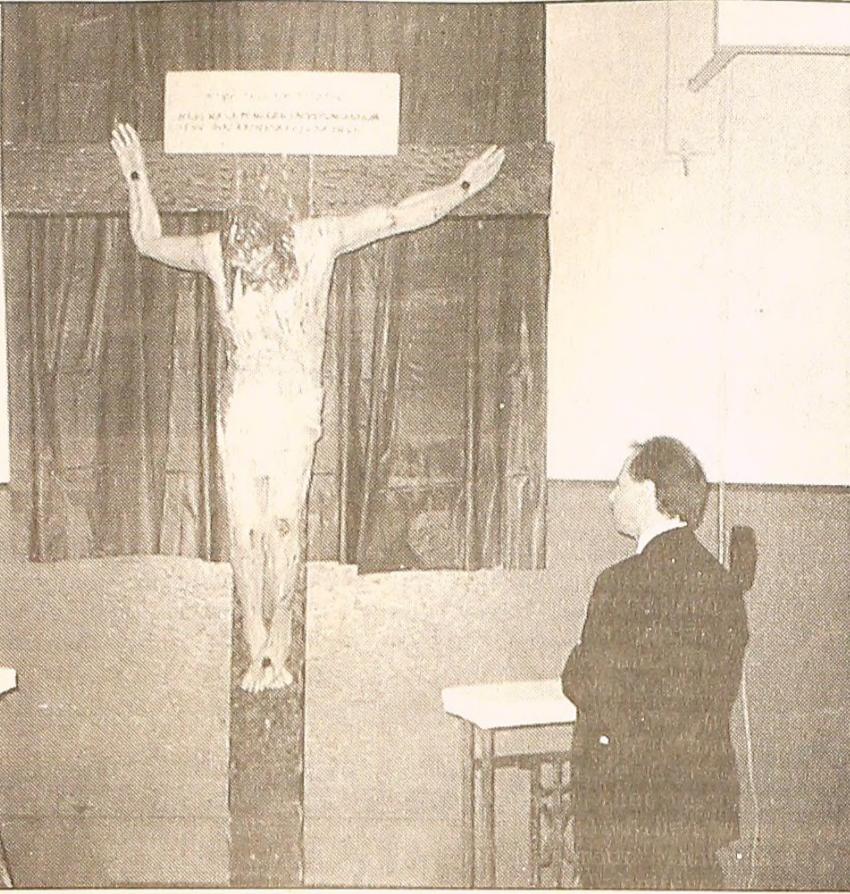
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Statue shows Jesus's wounds, viewers are stunned.

Christ's shroud is real, say faithful at St. Stanislaus

Hundreds weep at sight of holy relic

By STACY HACKER
MCN Staff Writer

A steady stream of humble believers and serene skeptics filtered through the doors of Wyandotte's St. Stanislaus Kostka's parish gymnasium on Thursday, to view a life-size transparency of the Holy Shroud of Turin.

This 14 foot long linen funeral sheet of herringbone weave is believed by many worldwide to be the authentic shroud which Joseph of Arimathaea wrapped the dead, brutalized corpse of Jesus of Nazareth in, after his crucifixion.

Not much sound meets the ear as you walk up the concrete steps into the old brown-brick building, yet a signal seems to go off, something mysterious and electric that says serious stuff is going on inside this place.

When you enter the high-ceiling gym, all is quiet. A small sign points out directions where visitors may watch a free film about the shroud. Guests stop and politely sign a registry. And then they start walking, young and old alike, reading and staring, both wonder and shock etched on their faces as they gaze at the illustrative display panels placed in the center of the gym.

Some of the pictures are close-up photographs of the shroud. Others are scientific explanations educating viewers of the extensive research and experiments which have been conducted on the shroud as to determine whether or not it is authentic. And then there are the more graphic pictures which allows you to walk through the steps of the crucifixion, and somehow, feel what "the master" felt.

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gered over. The pictures of the torture of the wound pierced side, the bloody crown of thorns that had violently been forced down onto the head of Jesus, the biblical prophet who before man professed to be the son of God.

Several women, including nuns visiting from other parishes, dab their eyes with tissue. Children begin to whisper and somber faced men shake their heads as the stunning reality of just how hideous a beating this man, Jesus, despised and rejected, underwent before finding peace in death. But it doesn't end here.

Standing against the far end of the gymnasium wall-- so people can compare the wounds of the Christ with those appearing on the shroud, or kneel to pray which many did, is a huge cross comparable to the cross which Jesus was made to carry on his back through the streets. Bloody and battered, head drooped, the prophet nailed to the cross in a life-size replica.

And then, there's the shroud. At first, some can't recognize the face of a man in the center and others quickly move to point it out. Tears come to the eyes of most as they stand in awe, peering at the crossed hands and visible blood stains. Chatter, though polite, picks up.

One viewer, Rathy Weber, said that she felt that most of the people who showed up to see the shroud were believers and that once they really saw it, they were fascinated by it. She admitted that at first glance she had not seen the face of a man, but after returning to it a second time, the face was right there in the center and to her it was obvious that this man had been scourged and whipped.

Julie Przedworski, a parish member for 19 years, stood misty-eyed before the shroud.

She said that this was the first time that this particular display of the Shroud of Turin had come to the downriver area and the parish, which is led by Father John Hedges; and that she felt fortunate to be able to receive the viewing. She said that on Wednesday hundreds of people had come to see the display, many waiting as long as thirty minutes in line outside. Before the display was opened to the public, there was a private showing for the children of St. Joseph's School of Trenton.

Asked if she believed the shroud to be authentic, Julie Przedworski said, "I do. I'm a believer in Jesus Christ. I believe that his crucifixion was something very horrible. I think this gives a clearer picture to the pain that he endured for our salvation. I'm a believer and I think this is something that our Lord wanted us to see because He knew we needed something to see, to believe."

Beside a long table of books and videos for purchase, Robert McCormack, an Ecorse resident, made himself available to visitors, answering questions and directing viewers to the free viewing of a video about the shroud.

Asked his opinion about the display, he said, "The crucifix for me proves it. The amount of wounds that were on Christ, is something that I think people don't realize. The man was half dead when they put him up there. And then, when you see the shroud -- that was it for me. I firmly believe it's real."

David Oakley, a third generation Eagle Scout said he believed the shroud to be authentic and that of Christ's. He described it as mesmerizing and overwhelming. He felt that everyone should take advantage of the free viewing of the fifty-five minute video, "The Silent Witness."

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Standing against

YWCA offers many programs

Throughout the year, many programs are offered to area residents by the YWCA of Western Wayne County at its Inkster location and off-site.

Among the activities are:

- Week Without Violence, held annually in October with emphasis on protecting children, making schools safer, confronting violence against women and eliminating racism and hate crimes.

- Saturday Humanities, encounters for young people (7-12) with an emphasis on creativity.

- Culture for Kids, live performances that introduce youngsters to ballet, art, theater and ethnic culture.

- Travel Days, adult visits to theaters, concerts and cultural attractions in the Metropolitan Detroit area and other cities.

- YW-Teens and Co-ed Teen clubs for personal growth, experiences through community service, public issues awareness, personal interests, educational and social events.

- Pre-employment programs, training and continuing education to assist youths and women

- YW-Women's Clubs, individual group programs which center around the needs of the group -- new-in-town, career women, seniors and home-makers.

- Seminars and Interest Groups, opportunities for men and women of all ages in a variety of areas.

- Child Development Center, quality child care created

Recreation Programs, classes and sessions in exercise for all ages and levels of stamina, offered at numerous sites.

to meet the needs of working parents and their pre-school children. Low-cost, full-day program of education and child care for ages 2-1/2 to 5, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Dearborn Head Start, open to eligible 3- and 4-year-olds and their families. Program provides 34 weeks of individualized education through classroom visits, home visits and group socialization, handicap services and health services. Call 561-0222 for information.

- Child and Family Neighborhood Programs, interactive sessions bring parents and children together. The program is designed to prevent abuse and neglect by helping families cope with crisis.

- Children and Teen Support Groups, kids work on self-esteem in a relaxed atmosphere where they can express concerns, problems and anxieties and learn to communicate.

- Vacation Day Camp for children 6 to 12.

- Encore, post-mastectomy support group which includes gentle exercise, water therapy and discussions for women who have had breast surgery.

- Encore Plus, for women 50 and older. Qualified Wayne County residents can obtain mammograms, clinical breast examinations, pap smears and pelvic exams for little or no cost. Call 561-4110 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- Fitness and Healthy Living, programs address numerous aspects of health, including exercise, infant health, substance abuse awareness, nutrition and aging healthfully.

Information on YWCA programs may be obtained by visiting 26279 Michigan or by calling 561-4110.



Conference held

Attending the eighth annual Turning Points Conference, titled "Alternative Medicine: Expanding Your Options," were Peggy Campbell (left), Turning Points co-chair; Ron Larson, M.D., Oakwood's executive vice president of medical affairs; James Gordon, M.D., Turning Points keynote speaker; Jim Rexler Oakwood Healthcare executive vice president, and Linda Padgett, Turning Points co-chair.

MCN Special Photo

Chambers plan mixer

brations have been held recently with chamber members participating.

Grand openings were celebrated by:

- International Minute Press, 6252 N. Hix Road.

- Office Depot, 34600 Warren Road.

- Olympic Coney Island, 7011 N. Wayne Road.

- Haddad Jewelers, 35241 Warren.

During the past months, the Westland Chamber of Commerce has sponsored a bowling outing, Wake-Up Westland seminar, new member coffee

and its monthly luncheons.

This month, the 1997 Westland Chamber of Commerce Membership Director and Community Guide is being released.

The directory will be sent by direct mail to more than 36,000 residents and businesses. Chamber members are automatically listed categorically and alphabetized. In addition, directories will be distributed in the chamber office in new member packets and to businesses interested in doing business with chamber members.

Free chore services now in Romulus

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Service Agency (Wayne-Metro) provides free chore service to senior citizens (at least 60 years old) in Romulus.

There are no income restrictions. The program is designed to protect the health and safety of seniors, so special consideration is given to seniors who are home bound, have limited incomes, or may lack family support.

The program provides help with a wide variety of non-continuous household maintenance tasks such as; leaf raking, snow removal, wall washing, window washing, at-ways appreciated.

tic and basement cleaning, replacing door locks, repairing/installing screens and storm windows, and much more.

To obtain chore services or get a complete list of tasks call Wayne-Metro at (313) 843-2550. Your call will directed to an outreach worker who will take your request.

A chore supervisor will return your call within three business days to assess your needs, and determine eligibility and priority for service.

Upon approval, the supervisor will schedule a chore worker to assist you. Services are free charge, and donations are always appreciated.

Man enlists in Air Force

Darren P. Champaigne, son of Peter Champaigne of Romulus, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program Jan. 21st. He and his spouse, Anne, currently reside in Windsor, Canada.

Champaigne, a 1992 graduate of LaSalle High School in Canada, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on March 4th, according to Staff Sergeant Donald

Tillison, Air Force recruiter.

Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the mechanical career field.

He will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force, while attending basic and technical training schools.

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE 1998 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by APPOINTMENT ONLY for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll.

Meeting dates are as follows:

Residential	9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm
March 9, 10,11, 1998:	2:00pm-4:00pm & 5:00pm-9:00pm

Commercial/Industrial	9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm
March 13, 1998:	

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Review is by appointment only

Residents and Non-Residents of the City seeking a review of their assessment may appeal "IN PERSON" at these meetings or appeal by letter. All letter appeals MUST be received by the Board of Review no later than March 13, 1998.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. All Representatives or Agents MUST submit proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

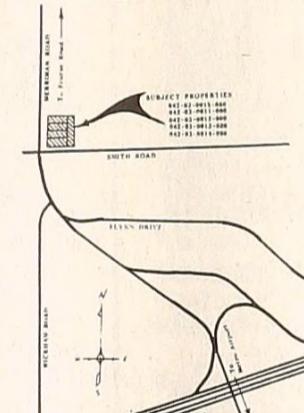
If you desire an appointment, please call the Romulus Department of Assessment at (734) 942-7520.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, March 16, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-011-03-98, a request to rezone lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in the Merriman Park Subdivision, DP#s 042 03 0011 000, 042, 03 0012 000, 042 03 0013 000, 042 03 0014 000, 042 03 0015 000 (the northeast corner of Merriman and SMith Roads) from RC (Regional Center) to C-2 (General Business). A McDonald's Restaurant is proposed on lots 11, 12 and part of lot 15.



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, March 16, 1998 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Assistant Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: February 26, 1998

A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 98-07

POLICE VEHICLE CHANGEOVER EQUIPMENT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., March 17, 1998. At that time said bids will be publicly opened and read.

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BID 98-07

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School bulletin board

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

High school students win art awards

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

Three high school students recently won awards in the Scholastic Art Awards Michigan Regional Art Competition.

Brandon Lewis, a sophomore at Wayne Memorial High School won a silver key award for a sculpture.

Amy Reynolds, a senior at Wayne won a certificate for

her sculpture.

Kyle Spadicini, a senior at John Glenn High School won a certificate for an ink drawing.

The Scholastic Art Awards is a national art competition for high school students that began in 1923 to encourage and recognize student achievement in creative arts.

The competition is open to

students in 7-12 grade. It is the largest and longest running program of its kind in the nation and has more than \$350,000 in awards and scholarships available as well as the opportunity for publication and exhibition.

Exhibits from the Scholastic Art Awards will be on display until Feb. 22 at the Summit Place Mall in Waterford.

Mobil Gas supports education

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

Rawsonville and Tyler Elementary schools are the recipients of money from a program at Mobil Gas Station called Mobil Education Alliance.

Three Mobil Gas Stations at I-94 and Haggerty Road, I-94 and Rawsonville Road and Rawsonville and Grove Road

are donating once cent for every gallon of gas purchased on Tuesday to the schools.

Jim Safiedine owns 15 stations in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

He presented the schools with their first checks earlier this month.

Theresa Green, principal Rawsonville Elementary said her school received a check

for \$1,600.

"We are using it to update our playground equipment," she said.

The student council voted to buy new swings and a slide. They plan to use fundraising money to help pay for part of the equipment.

Mobil will continue to give the schools a check every two to three months. The program began in October.

Schools of choice offered for 1998-99

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a Schools of Choice program for the 1998-99 school year. The Schools of Choice program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided there is room available in the school. Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.

School district residents who would like their child to attend a school other than their school of residency must submit a 1998-99 Schools of

Choice application. These applications will be available in every Wayne-Westland school by Friday, February 6, 1998. Schools of Choice applications for elementary school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office between March 9, 1998 and April 9, 1998.

Applications received according to these time lines will permit, if space is available, selected students to begin the 1998-99 school year in their school of choice. If more students apply for a grade/building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students. The names of stu-

dents not selected at this time will be placed on a waiting list for the 1998-99 school year. NOTE: Current Schools of Choice students must reapply to remain eligible for the program next year.

After the deadlines stated above, Schools of Choice applications will be accepted until September 16, 1998, at the school the parent/guardian would like the child to attend. These names will be added to the 1998-99 school year waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis. Building principals will use the waiting lists to notify qualified students of an opening. Building principals will be allowed to place Schools of Choice students only until October 9, 1998. No Schools of Choice placements will be made after this date.

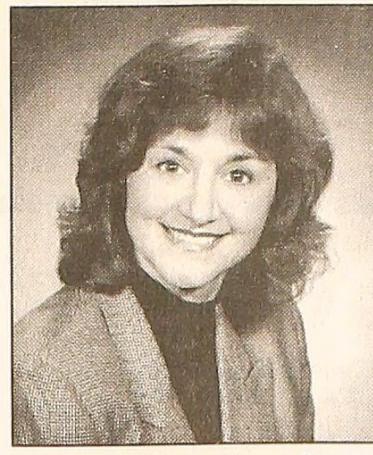
A Schools of Choice student will be moved back to his/her home school if an overcrowding situation occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year. After 10 weeks, the student will be permitted to remain in the school of choice for the remainder of the year.

Students honored by Dean's List

The following students have been honored on the Dean's List:

Junior, Phillip Ambrose Werman of Canton, majoring in Fire Science.

Senior, Timothy James Rodwell of Canton, majoring in Criminal Justice.



Diane Spence

Teacher of the year selected

VBPS Superintendent James F. Richendollar is pleased to announce that Diane Spence, fifth grade teacher at Edgemont Elementary School, has been selected as the Van Buren Schools Teacher of the Year.

"Ms. Spence has been recognized at the regional and national levels for outstanding performance as a classroom teacher. I am most pleased on behalf of students in our district to acknowledge her excellence," says Richendollar.

Ms. Spence, who has taught at Edgemont for a total of nearly 11 years, has a distinguished career in the Van Buren Public Schools, and in two other states. She is also recognized regionally and nationally for her outstanding abilities.

She was selected as one of only 18 teachers from Wayne County to serve as a member of Wayne County RESA Benchmark Project, a pioneering effort in Wayne County to design and develop third and fourth grade level assessments for science to prepare students to meet state standards for science under the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). She was also chosen from many candidates to work on the Michigan Assessment Team Symposium, which focused on assessment strategies for state and national levels.

Her most extraordinary honor came during the summer of 1997 when she was selected from a nation-wide pool of applicants to be one of 125 participants in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Educational Workshop for Elementary School Teachers (NEWEST). She spent two

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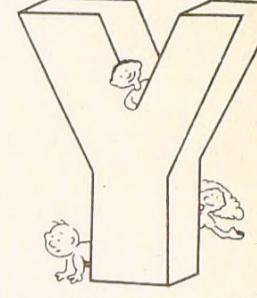
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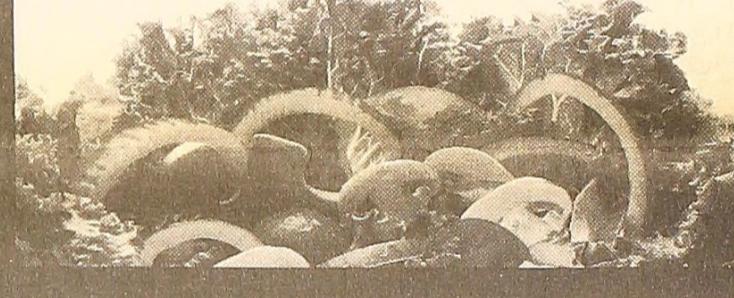
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Opinion

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Katz's words bring hope to unfriendly Metro Airport

David Katz is making the right statements. Hopefully, as the old saying goes, his actions will speak even louder than his words.

Katz is the new director of Wayne County airports, of which Metropolitan Airport in Romulus is first and foremost. His job is to oversee the massive \$1.6 billion expansion plan that will hopefully bring Metro into the 21st Century.

But before that happens, he's got to put up with a lot of crap from travelers and experts who rate our airport one of the worst in the world. Unfortunately, those guys are right. Metro, much like Midway or O'Hare in Chicago, is very old compared to many airports like Denver or Atlanta. And this old, ain't quaint. This old means restrooms are uncomfortably small. It means an archaic baggage handling system creates extreme delays for harried passengers wanting to get to their destination. It means if you're unlucky enough to be assigned Northwest Terminal C, you might have to walk what seems like two miles to your flight gate.

Those are realities of the current situation. Katz plans a pro-active effort to rid the airport of its "worst image" by making the airport more user friendly. Right on, David. It's bad enough having to deal with the outdated facilities, but it's doubly troubling when airport or airline employees treat customers like inmates at Jackson State Prison. And this happens far too often at Metro.

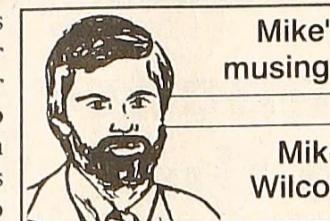
Katz claims one of his major focuses will be to train, train, train airport personnel to be more ser-

vice related. This frequent traveler believes friendlier employees will go a long way in helping Metro's image. Katz also hinted that bigger, better restrooms are on the way. Again, this would help.

But Katz and the County can't do it alone. Northwest, which carries nearly 75 percent of the passengers in and out of Metro must step up and get on the service bandwagon. After all passengers come into contact with airline employees much more often than County employees. It is the sourpuss ticket agent or the bitchy baggage handler that is probably going to leave a bad impression quicker than a security guard.

The task, although daunting, can be done. The airport has made great strides in the past. The addition of the food court, the mobile walkway and the additional parking have aided tremendously in updating the outdated airport.

Let's hope Katz's words become action. "We want to make sure we're not at the bottom of the list anymore," are words all of us in the Detroit area want to hear. Metro, indeed needs more than one lesson in user friendliness. Hopefully, Katz is a good teacher.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

The Truth will set you free

Though evidence from lie detectors may not be admissible in court, you and I know that they scare the bejesus out of B.S.-ers.

While 99% of the time it's better not to judge what someone else says, it would be nice to be like Howard Stern and have a lie detector available to call your local Pinocchio's bluff. But you'd need his money for that.

Or at least you used to. If Kevin Latham's press release is not a lie, he represents a company called Tell the Truth. Here's what he's hawking:

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Of course this is entertainment. For a journalist, it's fun to confront a lying politician. In the days before corporate newspapers cut out investigative reporting, that used to be a reporter's job. Nowadays nobody cares if politicians lie. With every whopper, Bill Clinton's popularity rises. Many admire his skill at twisting the truth.

Let's not even talk about lawyers or public relations offices.

Maybe this is for the best. I don't think people can deal with the truth.

This has a good side. It lets people enjoy each other. It frees us from words. It allows people to speak through smiles, gestures, and body language. It allows gangs to communicate through sneakers and graffiti. It allows Budweiser to sell their beer with penguins and babes instead of a pitch. It even allows the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to beam up slide shows to the great educator in the sky instead of conducting meetings in simple English.

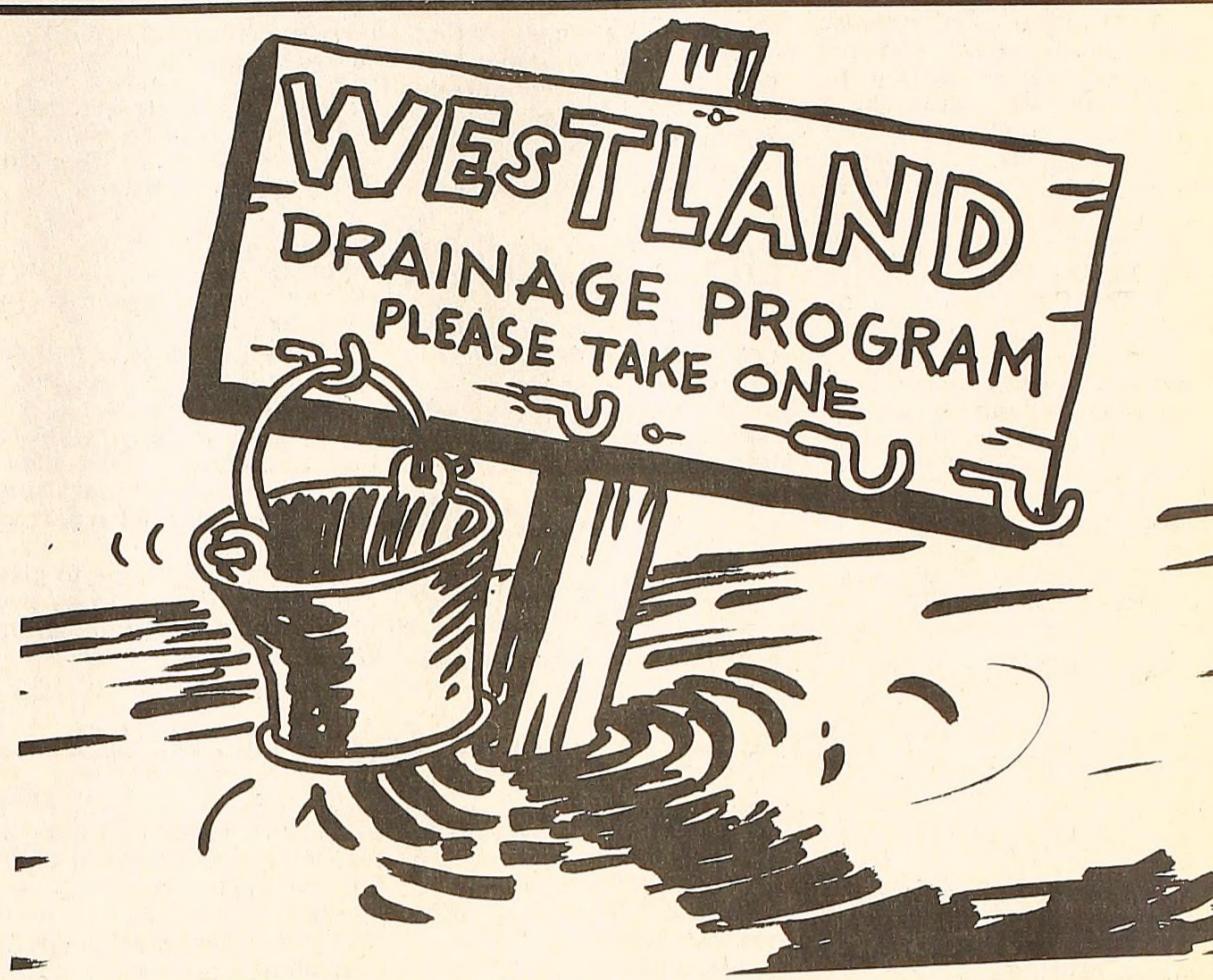
In the beginning their was the word. Now there's a blooming buzzing confusion of style and images.

How can you detect the truth in a context where there is no truth?

Perhaps we need a phone-in truth detector instead of a lie detector; one that's not "for entertainment purposes only."



Ivan Helfman



Byline bloopers tests new reporter's cool

By STACY HACKER
MCN Staff Writer

envisioned horns sprouting out of the managing editor's head.

The eyes of coworkers were on me, each trying to read my mind. I could tell by their serious stares that they were wondering how it would feel if they were in my shoes. It wasn't right. Who in the world would have enough nerve to pirate a religious story?

Writers are a breed of their own. They live by a strict code of creative ethics. It isn't the glamorous career choice that many envision.

For some bizarre reason, a mystery still, my name did not appear with the story on the front page of the Eyewitness. Instead, the by line boasted the name of the paper's managing editor.

When I arrived at work Monday morning, I had yet to see the paper. However, I had messages from readers wondering why my name had not appeared on the front page along with the photograph of Jesus Christ horrendously nailed to the cross.

People I talked with on the Thursday night viewing of the shroud, feared that I wasn't getting proper credit for her work and that perhaps there was a saboteur, a Judas in the news paper office.

After a little while, my toe be-

gan to tap. I felt my eyes narrow as I waited for an explanation. I

"Sure, I was disappointed. It hurt my feelings. But after viewing the Shroud of Turin and getting that not so cleaned-up version of how badly the man of the shroud had been treated, it makes you stop and wonder how things might have turned out if crucifixion hadn't been a bitter part of history. No, I know the managing editor is good at what he does; he's been in the business too long to make sloppy mistakes."

"Will you turn the other cheek?" she was asked.

"Turn the other cheek? Good grief, Christ turned the other cheek and he was beat to death and hung out to dry."

She smiles and rolls her eyes. "All silliness aside," she said, "I already did. After he apologized, swore to rerun the story and photos with my name, and promised to pick up the tab when I take my family out to dinner - my choice of restaurants; I handed over three more stories. Also, I believed him when he said it was an accident. Deadlines get hectic and sometimes there's typesetting errors. Nothing that can't be fixed."

So thanks to all the readers who took time to call in and voice your concern when you spotted the error.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lott's right!

To the editor:

Trent Lott said more in his 15-minute Republican response than Clinton did in his hour and 20 minutes. Moreover, Lott was right about everything, especially education and taxes.

Clinton wants the Federal Government to spend additional billions on education. Lott insists that the taxes be levied by state and local entities with the resulting revenues spent by the local educational authorities. We've known for decades that one-hundred million dollars sent by the states to the Federal Government begets 60 to 65 million to return. Bureaucratization and handling account for the shrinkage. Local boards, parents, teachers, and administrators should direct all uses of tax money for schools, materials, equipment, and salaries. They are unquestionably more able than Washington educational wannabes in establishing curriculum and providing opportunities

for the children.

Lott indicated that 38 percent of an average family income is taken by government entities, and that the amount of taxation is confiscatory. Clinton made no suggestion that taxes on the American citizens might be too high.

Neil Goodbred

Livonia

Skene not only police victim

To the editor:

I was absolutely floored by the similarities of the Skene case and my brother's case from a few years ago; in which my brother was convicted of a murder which he had nothing to do with.

The similarities I refer to are in the way the police conducted their investigation into the alleged crime.

In both cases the police focused on only one person out of a large number of possible sus-

pcts.

In both cases there was absolutely no evidence showing cause to focus on the people they chose to focus on.

In both cases totally innocent items (magazines) were seized in an effort to fabricate circumstantial evidence in Skene's case it was Spartan magazine. In my brother's case it was Hunters World or something like that!

In both cases the evidence submitted (all circumstantial) would always go against the defendant even if there was another way to look at it!

In both cases the police surveillance was equal to a bad joke or keystone cop tactics in both cases the prosecution changed its story three times in order to try to make a case.

The only thing either person was guilty of being in the area or where the crime was committed. No witnesses to the crime, no evidence, and all facts that showed a reason to acquit were not permitted into trial.

The only differences were: my

brother was found guilty; Skene was not. These prosecuting cities and police departments were different: Skene; Westland, and my brother; Canton.

There may even be some political motivation involved with my brother's case. Unfortunately it cannot be proven. However we do know that the victim's family was personal friends with a Canton judge who was seen at the funeral and who presides in the same court as the judge who presided over my brother's case.

If you could read the transcripts of the arraignment. You would be astounded as to why this even went to trial. The case was completely fabricated and appeared to be not only an automatic win but a large lawsuit for prosecutorial misconduct and malicious prosecution. However, it didn't turn out that way and we lost. Our only hope now is the State Supreme Court. Perhaps they will see the truth and order a reversal.

The point I'm trying to make is the obvious, foolish investigative

processes used by both police departments. These processes made the selection of a prime suspect no better than a spin on a roulette wheel.

Fortunately for Mr. Skene he was able to beat the false allegations. My brother was not so lucky and now (short of a new trial or reversal) faces life without parole for a crime he did not do or have any knowledge in.

How many other innocent people are brought to trial in similar fashion? All for the sake of closing a case or seeking to appease the political agenda of one or more individuals. How many people have been wrongly tried let alone convicted and currently sit in prison. All due to the lack of proper investigative procedures and the fabrication of evidence via meaningless items found in every home.

I think we as a society not only need to think about this but we need to demand it be corrected. We need to demand better performance from our local government and demand an investigation into

this type of practice. One wrongly incarcerated person is one too many. Even if it means the bad guy gets away. We need to stop the state prison money making machine. Oh yeah, I forgot to tell you prisoners equal money. The more you have the more federal money you get. It's a business!

Frank Warinner

Westland

What's important about the task force

To the editor:

I want to make sure that when the whole story is written about the Feb. 19, 1998 meeting of the Task Force Investigation of the Ford Motor Question, that the important points of the issue are made very clear.

1. The Option Agreement with Ford Motor Company and the City states that the purchaser (Ford) will reimburse the seller (City) for

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clearing and grubbing the land, at time of closing.

2. The Purchase Agreement also states that besides:

(a) receiving one million dollars for the property.

(b) The City (seller) will also be reimbursed for clearing and grubbing of the land by the purchaser (Ford) at time of closing.

3. The Closing Statement does not show any reimbursement to the City for clearing and grubbing. Closing date was 2-23-88.

4. The City says that Ford paid \$403,520.00 on Dec. 10, 1987 to the City for clearing and grubbing. City documentation is only a bank deposit slip.

(a) Task Force must have

documentation to show the origin of deposit at NBD Bank, on the date of 12-10-87.

(b) Why did Ford pay 85 days early?

(c) Why is there no addendum to the contract reflecting Ford's decision to pay the clearing and grubbing reimbursement early?

5. Conclusion: The best documentation to prove receipt of funds would be a copy of the actual check from Ford Motor Company.

That is the question now before the Task Force which must be resolved. That is the reason for the existence of the Task Force. Further, that question must be resolved for all of the citizens of Wayne.

Councilwoman Powser was among the three highest vote-getters in the election. Many

citizens are waiting for a resolution of her many questions.

I was surprised by the grueling grilling she endured for 90 minutes at the hands of Mr. Crowe. Mr. Crowe is the appointee of Councilman Bob Dickerson, who appears to believe in rules and regulations for everyone but himself.

I thought the Task Force was formed to work together, to study the assembled documents, to arrive at their own conclusion and present their findings to the City Council and the Wayne Citizens in their report.

Councilwoman Powser is only the messenger from the people. Do we have "Kill the messenger mentality at work here?"

Charles W. Johnson
Wayne

Teacher

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weeks at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi, where she received information she uses as science resource materials. Along with the honor of being a NEWEST participant, she also received the "Golden Apple Teaching Award for Excellence" from Wayne County RESA (1997).

On a district level, she was invited to serve as a member of the Van Buren Public School Science Grant Writing Committee (1995-present). This team studied our district's science needs and curriculum, creating a "Science Specialist" concept, which was implemented with existing staff at the elementary building level to coordinate science activities and supplies. She helped write a grant to fund the purchase of supplies for this position, and receive \$8,000 this year.

She was recruited by the Director of Instruction in our district to serve on the Van Buren Public Schools Social Studies Committee (1994-present). She helped create a new social studies curriculum aligned with the state standards, which was adopted by the district in 1997.

As a member of the Michigan Association of the Education of Young Children Diane was selected to present at the 7th Annual Conference Concerning Children from Violent Homes, Unlocking Secrets (March 1992), The 11th Annual Child Development Conference, Nurturing the Child (January 1991), Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, Child Development Conference (March 1991), and The Central Michigan Association of the Educa-

tion of Young Children, Quality Childcare: Good Beginning Never End, (April 1990).

Diane spends precious personal time researching and writing grants to bring new resources and possibilities for her students into the classroom. She has written and received three mini-grants from Wayne County: Lighthouses, Michigan's Heritage (1997-98), Animals Alive! (1991-92), and Hands-On Math (1990-91). She has also written and received two \$6,000.00 Michigan Development of Education, Office of Early Childhood Education, Dependent Care Development Grants to provide programs in substance abuse prevention

(1990-91) and multicultural education (1989-90). She also won a Wolftrap Artist in Residence grant to bring an artist to her classroom who presented performing arts as a strategy to teach life skills (1990).

The history and quality of her performance is contained in her application for state level Teacher of the Year, which will be mailed to you this week, along with her photograph.

Ms. Spence says she hopes to share wonderful stories about the joys and successes of teaching, through the award process. "If teachers don't tell the world wonderful stories about teaching," says Spence, "who will?"

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*Event dates are March 11, 25 and April 7. Must be present to claim offer. While supplies last. Limit one per household.

Local Michigan Community Newspapers HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

SEND INFORMATION Items for the Michigan Community Newspapers Community Calendar should be submitted in writing at least one to two weeks in advance of publication to "Community Calendar," Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. Each brief calendar item should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information call the newsroom at 729-4000 Ext. 43.

BAND BOOSTER Spaghetti dinner is slated from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 28 at Belleville Moose Hall, 831 E. Huron Dr. in support of the Belleville High School's Jazz Band. Tickets cost \$6 for adults. For more information call 697-9735 or 697-2710.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES Huron Valley Girl Scouts began delivering the close to one million boxes of cookies sold from Dec. 2-Jan. 18 this past Monday. Local grocery store shoppers will still be able to purchase similar cookie boxes from Girl Scout representatives through March 8. Sites include Farmer Jacks and Kroger stores in Belleville and Westland.

COLLEGE NIGHT Western Wayne County high school students and their parents are invited to attend Henry Ford Community College's seventh annual college night from 6:30 to 9 p.m. March 11 at their main campus on Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Representatives from 80 colleges and universities will be in attendance.

TRADE SHOW The Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association is sponsoring a trade show and convention from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 4 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5 at the Novi Expo Center at Novi Road and I-96. Tickets will cost \$5 for association members and \$8 for non-members. For more information call 1-800-354-MDLA.

HOME AND FLOWER SHOW The 80th annual Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show will be held from March 12-15. The shows will open at 2 p.m. on March 12 and 13 and 10 a.m. on March 14 and 15. For more information call 248-737-4478.

PATENT WORKSHOP A free patent workshop entitled "Inventions: From Concept to Reality" is being sponsored by the Great Lakes Patent and Trademark Center of the Detroit Public Library from 6 to 9 p.m. April 1. The workshop will be conducted in the Explorers Room of the main library at 5201 Woodward Ave. It will be limited to 100 participants. For more information call 1-800-547-0619.

PIANO SALE A liquidation



Puppet play

Shannon Stepen, 5, and Kayla Stepen, 2, present a puppet show to three viewers, Alyssa, Austin and Amber, at the Wayne Public Library. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

of Baldwin Pianos hosted by Evola Music is slated at Madonna University in Livonia from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 8. A preview of the pianos will be available on March 6 and 7 by appointment only. Interested persons should call 1-800-544-2188.

HEAD START The Van Buren Head Start program is now accepting applications for new classrooms in Sumpter Township. The target date is March 1 for children three and four years of age who are eligible for the free pre-school program. For more information call 480-3500.

ORATORICAL CONTEST A contest open to boys and girls will climax with a free breakfast at 7:15 a.m. March 10 at the Western Wayne County Community College campus at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. The topic is "My Commitment to the Future." The program is sponsored by the Tri-Community Optimist Club. Participants need to RSVP by calling Janet Millard at 697-7151 by March 2.

RIVERS COFFEE HOUR Congresswoman Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) is scheduling a coffee hour for Westland area residents from 8:30 to 10 a.m. March 6 at the American Family Diner, 501 S. Wayne Road.

SAFE BOATING COURSE Six week courses are being offered by the U.S. Power Squadrons beginning 7 p.m. March 3 at John Glenn High School in Westland and 9:30 a.m. March 5 at Tinkham Adult Education

Center in Westland. There is no fee for the course. Student manual and supplies will be available as an option. For more information call 313-278-1734 or 313-322-9917.

QUILT SHOW will be conducted from noon to 4 p.m. March 3 through March 31 at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main street. Both antique and contemporary quilts will be on display. Cost to enter is \$1 per person, 50 cents for children or \$3 for a family. For those interested in displaying their quilts, call 734-697-1944.

COIN SHOW The 38th annual free coin show sponsored by the Wayne Coin Club will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 1 at the Wayne Community Center at the corner of Howe and Annapolis roads in Wayne. Coins, paper money, stamps, books and other collectables will be on display. Thirty bourse dealers will be on hand and door prizes will be offered.

SOFTBALL MEETING An informational meeting on Canton adult softball leagues will be held Saturday morning at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit parkway. A meeting for men will be at 10 a.m., women at 10:30 a.m. and coed at 11 a.m. For more information call 397-5110.

SPRING SINGLES DANCE sponsored by St. John Neumann's Singles Group of Canton will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the new Canton Center Stage on Ford road, just east of I-275. There is a \$5 cover charge. Optional activities will include pool and pin ball games and a ride on a mechanical bull. For more information call Patrick Belanger at 313-277-6083.

HAT, GLOVE COMPACT DISPLAY A unique display of 1920-30's women's gloves and compacts and 1950-60's women's accessories such as winter hats, silver and gold mesh, art-deco and beaded purses is now available at the Westland Historical Museum at 857 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. every Saturday. Admission is free.

DANCE RECITAL will be offered at 2 p.m. March 29 at Clarenceville High School on Middlebelt road, between 7 and 8 Mile roads. The recital will feature the Polish Centennial Dancers of Western Wayne County and the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble. Tickets cost \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information call 734-453-7161.

OUTDOORAMA '98 will be held through March 1 at the

Novi Expo Center of Novi. The sessions are sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and are dedicated to furthering the cause of conserving and protecting Michigan's natural resources. Over 400 exhibits will feature the latest in fishing, hunting and camping equipment, as well as recreational vehicles and power boats. Adult tickets cost \$6 and children under 12 are charged \$3. For more information call 517-346-6493.

FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER of the Taft Chapter of the Sigma Nu Phi (Legal) Fraternity of the Detroit College of Law will be held on Feb. 27 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. Michigan Supreme Court Judge Marilyn J. Kelly will be the main speaker. Cost is \$40 per person. For reservations call Neil J. Lehto at 810-726-1000.

LOST IN YONKERS' TRIP The Westland Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) Travel Group will travel to the Meadowbrook Theatre for a performance of *Lost in Yonkers*. Van will leave Friendship Center at 11 a.m. April 29 for lunch and the play. For further information call 722-7632.

COLLECTORAMA SHOW featuring antique photos, paper Americana and postcards will be offered from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main st. in Clawson. Cost is \$3. For further information call 248-968-5910.

FASHION SHOW The Catholic Central Mothers' Club will present a "My Fair Lady" luncheon and fashion show at the Ritz Carleton Hotel in Dearborn on March 29. A social hour will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Fashions will be offered by the Fairlane Town Center. The fundraising event will cost \$37 per person. For reservations or more information call Kathy Snyder at 937-0592.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Retired medical professionals are needed to help with a new hearing screening program for newborns at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Program is being funded by Smiles for Children Project and a grant from the Michigan Hospital Foundation. Interested volunteers are urged to call 1-800-494-1652.

TALENT AUDITIONS The Inkster Summerfest Committee is planning auditions for its summer activity days July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Auditions are slated for 6 p.m. March 12, 4 p.m. March 21 and 3 p.m. April 11 at the Inkster Recreation Complex at 2025 Middlebelt road. For more information call Ruth Williams at 734-728-7530.

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FATIGUE will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 10 at the Inkster Recreation Complex at 2025 Middlebelt road. For more information call Ruth Williams at 734-728-7530.

TALENT AUDITIONS The Inkster Summerfest Committee is planning auditions for its summer activity days July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Auditions are slated for 6 p.m. March 12, 4 p.m. March 21 and 3 p.m. April 11 at the Inkster Recreation Complex at 2025 Middlebelt road. For more information call Ruth Williams at 734-7

Seniors on the go

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Senior program gains recycled writer

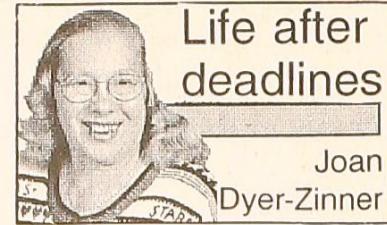
One doesn't have to look far to find a good example of a "recyclee" (retiree who takes on another job).

In fact, Wayne resident Pauline Fanslow is a prime example of a person who retired after working 47 years, became bored and restless and then returned to work.

Pauline describes her former position with an Ohio industrial script writing firm as a "dream job." She researched and wrote historical and educational programs -- many of them award-winners -- and also served for six years as editor of the Great Lakes Quarterly.

After retiring in 1986, she and her husband moved from Cleveland to Wayne.

At first, they kept busy roller skating, golfing (when weather permitted), and participating in dance club activities in their former home town. Pauline also did some freelance work for her former employer.



Life after deadlines
Joan Dyer-Zinner

"I'll keep working unless I win the lottery."

- Pauline Fanslow

Finally, in 1991 she decided that she was not the type of person who could stay at home, and she contacted the Wayne Senior Center to inquire about possible job opportunities.

She was hired to work on the Golden Hour Club monthly calendar for four hours per week. She expanded her work schedule to 24 hours per week when she became responsible for the Medicare/Medicaid Program and Michigan Emergency Prescription Program and other various office duties.

"I feel that I am contributing of value when I am able to help senior with their pre-

scription needs and Medicare and Medicaid services," Pauline said. "I work 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. four days a week, and so I'm still able to golf one day a week."

She enjoys the pleasant work environment, the cooperative spirit of her co-workers and the daily contact with people.

Pauline, who is 76, plans to continue to work at the Wayne Senior Center for the foreseeable future.

"I'll keep working unless I win the Lottery, and if I do, then I'll be back to the Senior Center to volunteer," she said.

Two other prime example of recyclees are retired Inkster School District teachers

Maude Reid and Theola Jones, who are both special writers for the Inkster Ledger-Star Good News section, published by Michigan Community Newspapers.

The two women are active in their sororities, various clubs and their churches, so it was a natural offshoot for them to write about the things in which they and their circle of friends participate.

Both have made cable television appearances in their new roles as newspaper writers.

They are proud to bring the Good News -- the many positive and upbeat stories of Inkster residents -- to readers.

If you are a recyclee who is enjoying a new career, please contact Joan Dyer-Zinner, MCN, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Mich. 48184.

Editor's note: Joan Dyer-Zinner, former MCN managing editor, writes a weekly column about retirees and recyclees.

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St., Wayne, Mich. 48184.

Newsletters are available at several Western Wayne sites: September Days Center and the Fred C. Fisher Library in Belleville/Van Buren Township area; Canton Place, Canton Library and Canton Senior Center in Canton; Inkster Senior Center and Cherry Hill Place in Inkster; Romulus Senior Center and Romulus Library in Romulus; Sumpter Senior Center in Sumpter Township; Wayne Senior Center, Annapolis Hospital, Wayne Senior Public Housing and Wayne Library in Wayne, and Taylor Towers, Wayne County Senior Center, Senior Adults Program and Community Center in Westland.

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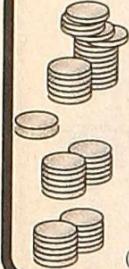


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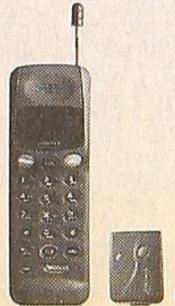
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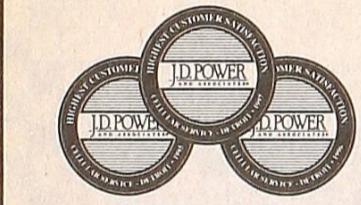
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News from area churches

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40-day Lenten season begins

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Lenten season was kicked off yesterday with numerous Ash Wednesday services in both Roman Catholic and Protestant churches as a prelude to 40 days of fasting and prayer.

In most Catholic churches parishioners also departed the churches with a small smudge of ash on their foreheads as a symbol of their faith.

Protestant churches meanwhile conducted formal services complete with pastoral sermons, prayers and the singing of Lenten hymns.

Members and friends of the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus kicked off the Lenten season a week early with a program entitled: *Untapped Miracles for Tapped-Out Christians: Spectacular Energy Sources for the Body of Christ*.

The 50 day program began on Feb. 21 and will continue through April 12.

The Romulus church joins thousands of others across North America in coming weeks in discussing similar topics. The program was created by Mainstay Church Resources, non-denominational Christian organization dedicated to fostering revival by creating practical tools for Christians and their churches.

An annual event, this year's topic was developed with the input of 100s of pastors and lay persons across the U.S.

More than half a million persons are expected to participate worldwide, the Rev. Brad Lewis of the Romulus church said.

This year's focus will be to heighten the energy level of worn out or tired Christians.

There are eight miracles highlighted in the 50 day adventure, Lewis said, including finding tension's good side; the 24 hour/7 day church; Christian hospitality; pulpit/pew mutual support; prayer with fasting; telling our stories; the wider kingship and the living Christ.

In addition to weekly pastoral sermons, members (adults, teens and children) will be completing an age-graded workbooks called an adventure journal.

Daily and weekly assignments will help the participants overcome tension, live their faith daily, open their hearts and their homes, connect with their pastor and get

serious about prayer by fasting.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of a global event," Lewis explained, "I am excited about the possibilities both around the world and at home here in Romulus."

For more information call 313-941-0736.

Camp counselors are now being sought by the Catholic Youth Organization of Detroit.

The camps will be conducted July 1-Aug. 8 at the CYO Camps near Port Sanilac. All positions will be paid and will offer room and board. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age. For more information call 1-800-547-CAMP.

The Romulus-area's Good Friday procession is slowly taking form, Rev. Brad Lewis of the Community United Methodist Church revealed Sunday night.

The spiritual parade of Christians beginning at noon time will once again take place, but the route of march remains unfixed.

The route initially was from the Romulus Post Office on Goddard road to the Wayne Wesleyan Church (near 5 Points), where a Lenten service was conducted.

Last year that parade route was changed because of the downtown road project. It began at Romulus Historical Park and traveled about the city and then returned to the historical park for the service.

The 200-300 Christians marching in the parade sing Lenten hymns along the way. The other question still to be answered is who the speaker will be.

Both questions will be answered in coming weeks, Lewis said.

In case of rain, the service probably will be conducted in the Methodist Church across from the Romulus Police Headquarters at Olive and Bi-bbins.

A Lenten retreat entitled "Finding God Wherever You Are" is slated at Madonna University from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 28.

Father Jack Loughran of St. Francis de Sales, will be the facilitator for the event. Cost is \$12 and will include lunch and refreshments. For information call 734-432-5419.

St. Neumann Catholic Parish of Canton is celebrating February as "have a heart month" by urging its members to donate food and cleaning products for the Salvation Army. Further information can be obtained by calling 455-6297.

Diane Matz, who has extensive training in hospice work, has been named a parish visitor by the Belleville First United Methodist Church. Matz' responsibilities include visiting families experiencing grief and becoming acquainted with newcomers to the church.

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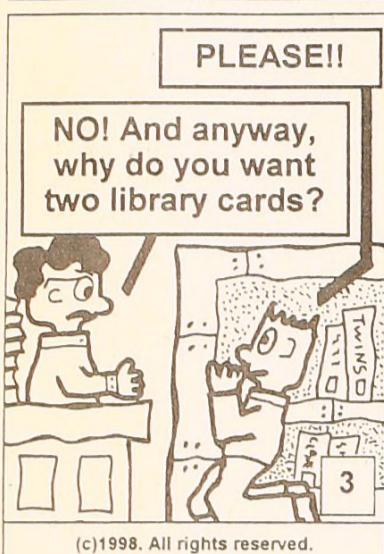
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Dean's List reported

The following students from the area have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll of the fall semester at Lawrence Technology University. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term and be a full-time student.

The following students from Canton include:

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rek S. Hall, Deborah E. Pixley, Robin M. Tychewicz, Jennifer C. Youngblood, and Steven G. Zechiel.

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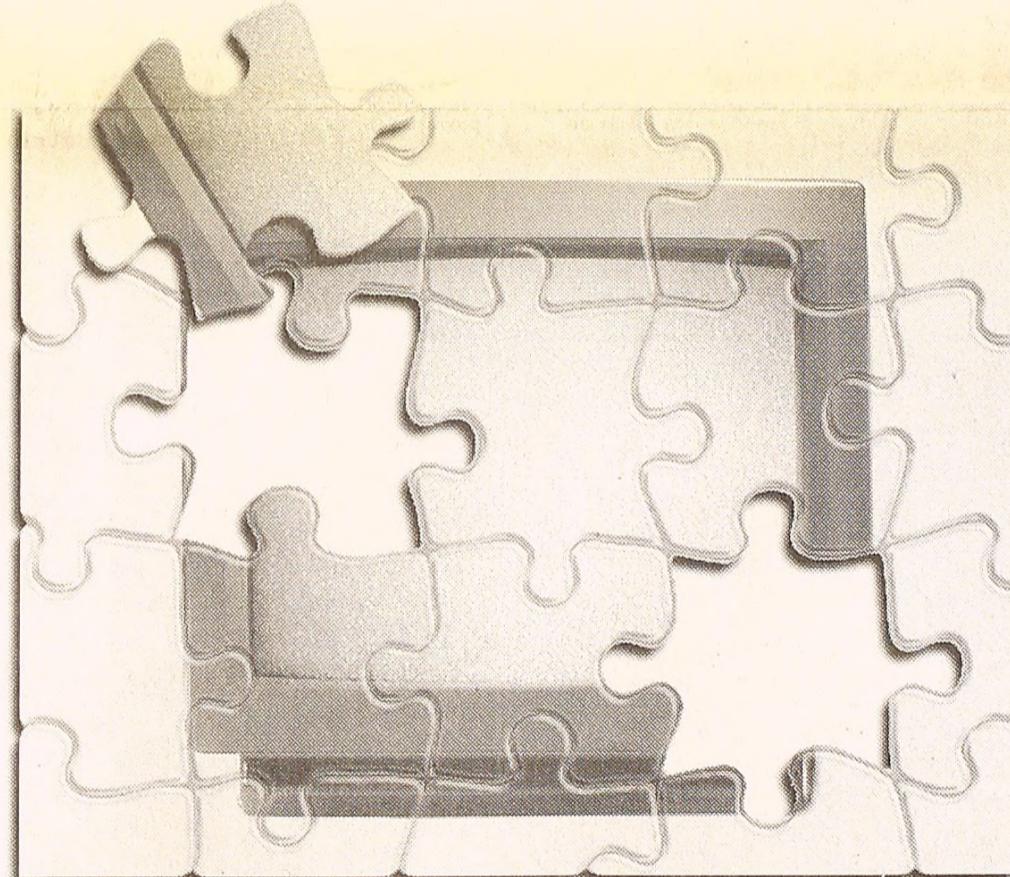
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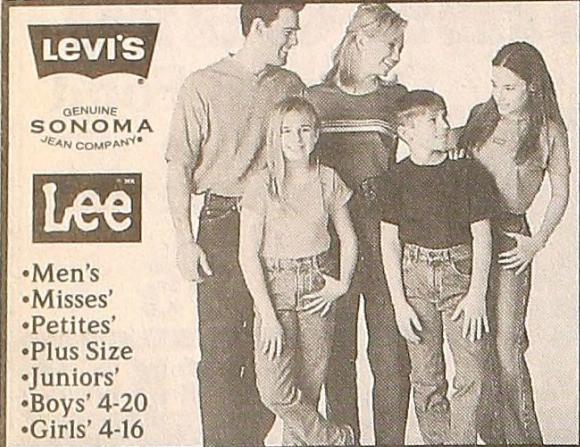
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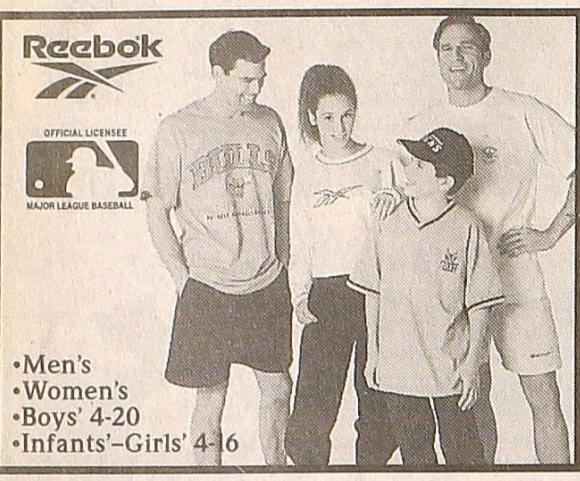
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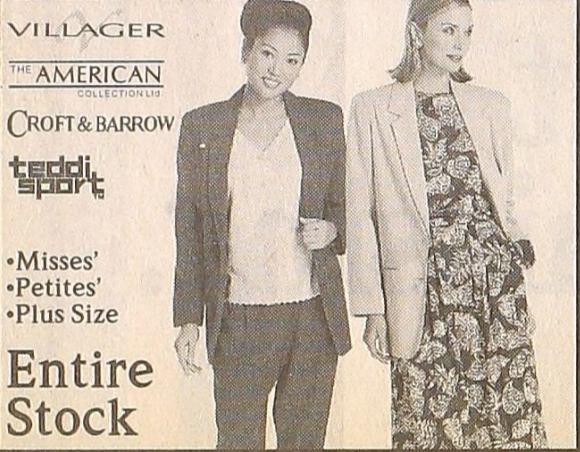
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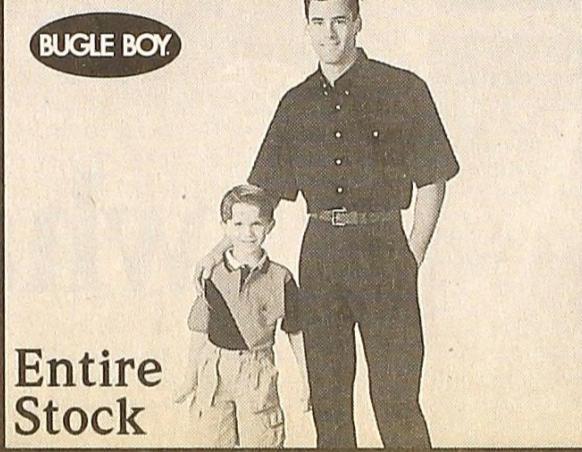
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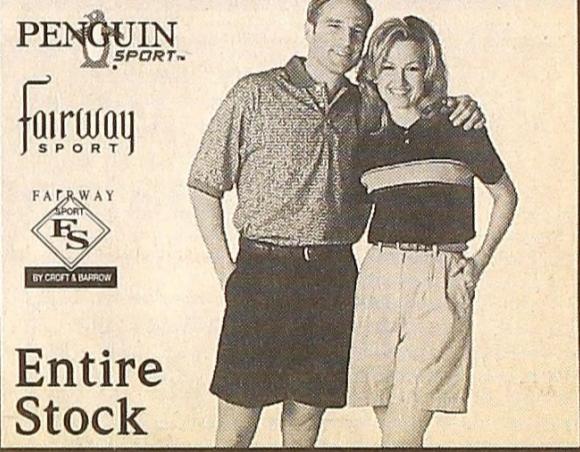
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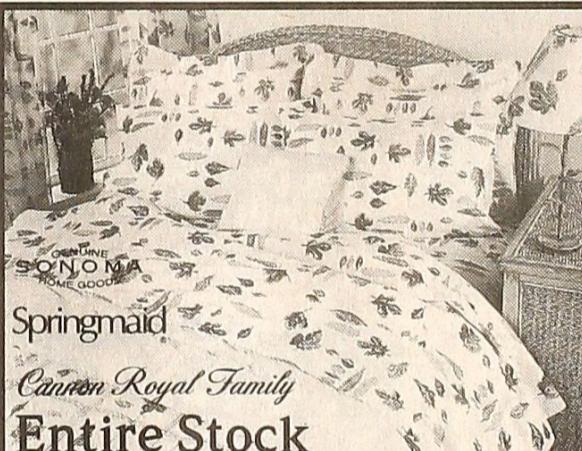
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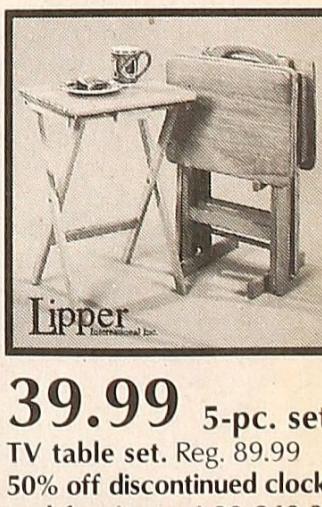


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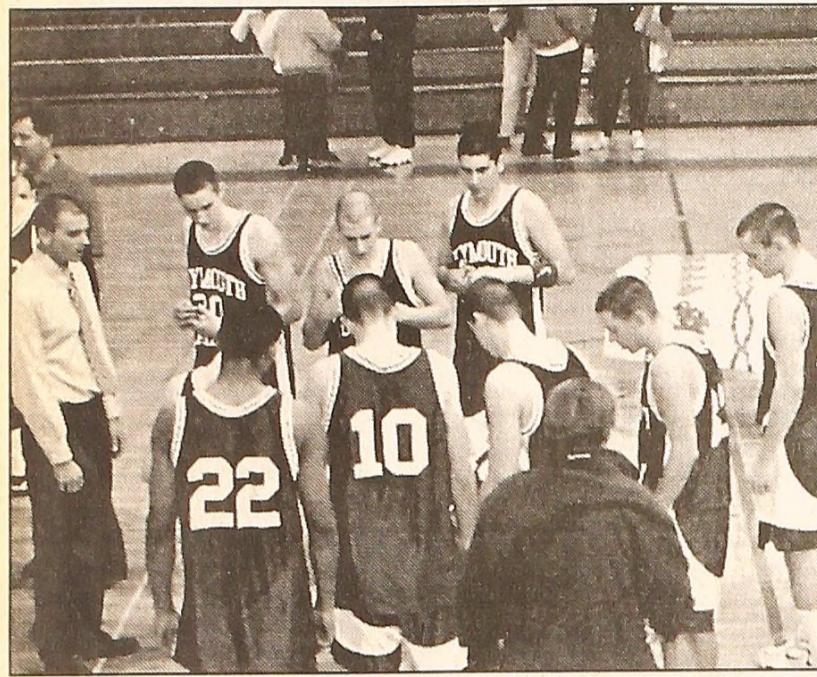
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SPORTS



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Brodie's bunch bags conference title



Salem coach Bob Brodie (above, far left) prepares to send his Rocks into battle. After losing their first and only Western Lakes Conference game two weeks ago to Glenn, Salem bounced back to win back-to-back games over Churchill and Stevenson to clinch the conference championship. Special to MCN sports

Champs face Churchill in 1st round of playoffs

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It was like taking candy from a baby.

Plymouth-Salem needed one of two wins in its final two games of the regular season and coach Bob Brodie's bunch bagged not one but both games, almost without sweat.

The Rocks crushed winless Livonia Stevenson, 78-32, on Friday, only a couple of days after they had clinched the Western Lakes Conference basketball championship with an easy 70-42 victory over Livonia Churchill.

"After that loss to Glenn I really didn't know what to expect on Tuesday," said Brodie. "But these kids didn't allow the loss to get to them and they went to work early."

Salem's 10-1 record gives Brodie and the Rocks the conference title outright.

However, they will have to share the Lakes Division championship with Glenn, the only team that beat them in the division (and conference) this season.

"Winning the title was one of our goals," said Brodie. "But the toughest part of the schedule - the conference and the district playoffs - lies ahead."

Salem and Plymouth-Canton have been assigned to the Class A District Tournament at Novi High School. They will be joined by Churchill, Northville and the host, Novi.

In the meantime, the Western Lakes teams will begin their unique conference playoffs Friday night as eight of the 12 top teams will shoot it out in the series to determine the playoff champ.

The playoff format pits the

No. 1 team (Salem) against Churchill. The two teams will play at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Churchill. Westland John Glenn, however, will play at 7 p.m. Thursday at Walled Lake Western, while the other four teams are scheduled to play Friday evening games. Farmington is at North Farmington and Walled Lake Central at Farmington Hills Harrison.

The winners will advance to the semifinals (Tuesday) with the playoff championship to be decided a week from Friday.

Salem put Stevenson away early as the Rocks rolled to a 19-10 first period and increased the margin to 38-16 at the half.

Brodie played all 12 on the roster, and all of his players found their way into the scoring column.

Salem senior Andy Power was the game's top scorer with

16, while Mike Korduba added 11 and Bhavin Patel sank 10.

Against Churchill on Tuesday, Salem wasted little time and got off to a quick start. The champs were up 20-13 after one and widened the margin to 38-24 at the midway point before coasting to a 70-42 victory over the Western Division opponents.

"We could have used some of those points against Glenn," Brodie quipped after his team's 13th victory in 17 starts this season.

Power again was high scorer with 16 points. Patel checked in with 10 for the Rocks which had 11 players in the scoring column against the Chargers.

Churchill's junior forward George Kithers scored 10 points for the losers whose record slipped to 6-10 on the year.

Romulus keeps in step with Rouge

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After missing a beat earlier in the week, Mega Conference Red Division co-leader Romulus bounced back Friday and beat Ypsi to keep pace with River Rouge. The two teams share the top billing in the tough basketball division.

Behind a 1-2 scoring punch of Brandon DeYampert and Melvin Hicks, Romulus rolled to a 64-55 victory over Braves.

Earlier in the week, Coach Guy DelGiudice's defense fell apart against Southgate Aquinas, the No. 1 Class D team in the state, which stopped the Eagles 75-61 in a non-conference game.

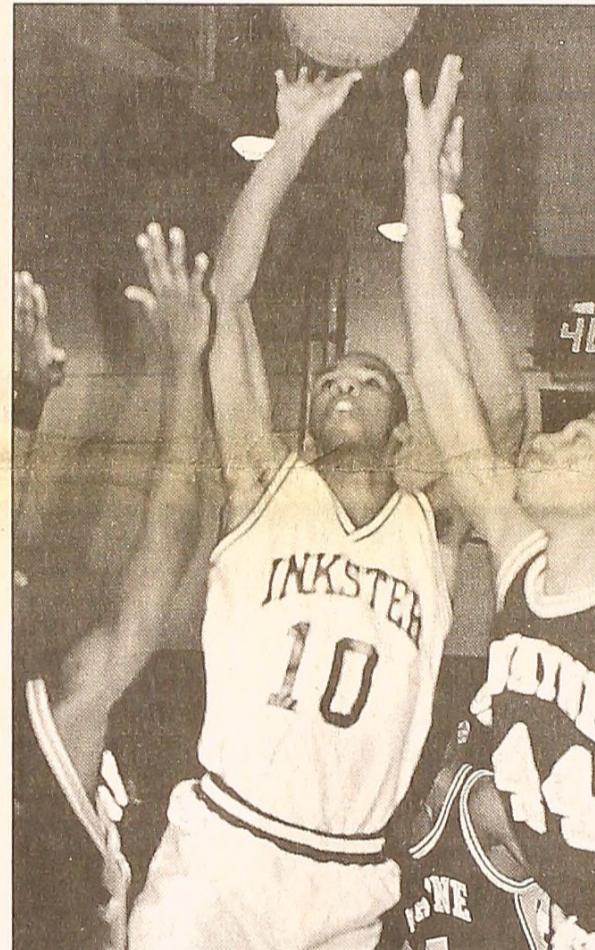
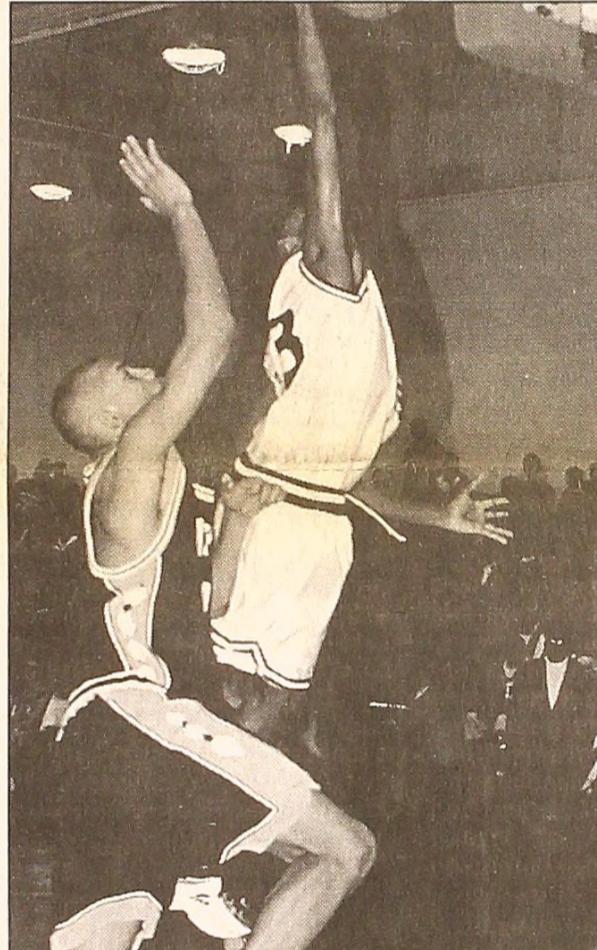
The victory over Ypsi kept the Eagles in a two-way tie for the conference lead with Rouge, the No. 1 ranked team in the state (in any league) this year.

"We played sporadically on defense against Aquinas, and it cost us," DelGiudice said. "There were breakdowns and the kids just were not in sync. It was a different story against Ypsi."

The difference against Ypsilanti's Braves was Romulus' scoring duo - Hicks and DeYampert, who combined for 39 of their team's total 64 points. total 64 points.

Leading by six (36-30) at half, Romulus widened the margin by as much as 13 in the second half before the Braves closed to within seven. The Braves never managed to overcome the deficit.

Romulus put three players in double figures with DeYampert's 21 points as tops for the



Leaving a Wayne defender a step behind, Inkster's Greg Watson (above at left) goes in for the dunk and two of his 17 points, while teammate Thomas Cunningham (10) slices through the Zebras' defense for this layup. It may have looked easy for the Vikings, and it was in the early stages, but at the end Wayne prevailed as the Zebras rallied in the final seconds to win the Mega Conference Red Division thriller, 76-72. Photos by Aaron Ortiz

Turner's 3-point play turns Wayne into a winner at Inkster, 76-72

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Playing catchup for most of the game, defending Mega Conference Red Division basketball champ Wayne Memorial rallied Friday night in the final 30 seconds of play against an inspired Inkster to pull out a narrow 76-72 victory over one of the newest members of the tough basketball conference.

Wayne trailed by as much as 12 points against rookie coach Hilton Graham's Vikings.

Inkster's Mike Williams and Greg Watson provided the Vikings with the early momentum that kept the experienced

Wayne squad in check.

The Inkster duo caught Wayne's defense napping early in the confrontation and led the Vikings to a 20-12 first-period lead, a lead that they would not relinquish until the last minute of the game.

Despite the balanced scoring assault that included baskets from Jamar Davis, Karl Calloway and Reddick Borkins, Wayne could not overcome the persistent host who were looking for their second win in the conference.

At the half, Inkster had a 38-34 edge. The two teams continued to exchange baskets evenly the rest of the way.

But Wayne still looked at a 56-52 deficit as the fourth period began.

In that final stanza, Inkster paid dearly for a rash of mistakes that put Wayne players at the free throw line. The Zebras made 11 of 14 freebies, and hit eight straight at one stretch.

But it wasn't until 6-7 Quentin Turner's three-point play that Wayne took the lead for good. And that crucial basket for Wayne fell in the net with 28 seconds left.

A misfired Inkster jumper gave Wayne possession and Jamar Davis sank the game's

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Logan said he felt that the competition in Division I was "very intense this year".

"I felt that Division I was loaded with a lot of outstanding talent," the veteran coach said.

He added that he viewed the year as an opportunity to rebuild his team but, unfortunately, injuries had taken their toll from a lineup that did not contain much depth.

"However, this team will return intact next year," Logan

Rockets continue to soar, roar past Walled Lake

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Fueled by a title-sharing victory over then undefeated Plymouth-Salem two weeks ago, Westland John Glenn's Rockets last week roared past the two Walled Lake teams to clinch a share of the Western Lakes divisional title.

Coach Mike Schuette's team is riding a modest three-game streak into tonight's rematch with Walled Lake Western, their Western Lakes Conference first-round playoff opponent.

"We have the momentum," said Schuette, "and I just hope we can keep it going."

Glenn beat Western, 49-40, in one of those old-fashion cat-and-mouse games as Western attempted to slow down the pace of the action by holding on to the ball until they had a sure thing.

Tied at 10 after the opening quarter, it was Western by one (22-21) at halftime, but a 10-6 Glenn scoring advantage in the third lifted the Rockets to a 31-28 advantage that Western never challenged in the stretch.

The Rockets nearly blew a 10-point lead in the fourth period, but Stephen Lawson and Billy Foder hit three-points and Yaku Moton canned a free throw to pull Glenn away for good.

Foder finished with a team high 14 points and teammate Eric Jones tossed in 13 for the Rockets, who made four of their 10 free throws.

Glenn rallied in the last period to turn back a determined Walled Lake Central last week, 65-55 as Jason Crofton came off the bench to lead the Rockets with 11 points.

Moton, Jones and Reggie Spearmon, who had two three-pointers, each contributed 10

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- Mike Schuette

points.

Central's point guard Todd Negoshian led all scorers with 21 points.

Central eked out a 10-9 lead after one period, but the Rockets came back with a 9-0 run to take control 27-17 at halftime. Central refused to quit. Western cut Glenn's lead 44-35 before the Rockets exploded in the final period (21-10) to clinch the victory.

After beating natural rival Westland John Glenn in the first-round, Wayne Memorial fell to host Plymouth-Salem second and final round of the district team championships staged last Wednesday at Salem.

Wayne coach Dave Davis did qualify four members of his team for the regional championships that will be staged Saturday at Adrian. The foursome include Jonathan Gregg, Nate Wensko, Jason Sienko and Will Laramie.

Wensko was runnerup in the 119-pound class, while Sienko also won a silver but as a 135-pounder.

Laramie was third at heavyweight and Gregg finished fourth at 112.

Regionals are next for district mat survivors

Thompson district champion

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

An elite group of local high school wrestlers on Saturday

managed to qualify from the districts to the regional competitions.

The regionals will be staged at several sites across the state to determine which of the athletes have the talent to compete for the coveted state titles in each of four divisions.

Romulus and coach Vern Logan will be represented at the Adrian regional by district champ Charles Thompson and Steve Hatfield, who placed third.

"We have been a team plagued by injuries this year," noted Romulus coach Vern Logan. "I just wonder how we would have fared if all of my kids were healthy."

In the team championships, the Eagles were eliminated by host, Temperance Bedford, in the first round of the district tournament. Bedford then turned back Belleville, which had beaten Monroe in the first round, to win the district championship.

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He added that he viewed the year as an opportunity to rebuild his team but, unfortunately, injuries had taken their toll from a lineup that did not contain much depth.

"However, this team will return intact next year," Logan

continued. "And I am looking forward to coaching them."

But Thompson, a 189-pounder who captured a gold medal at the Adrian district, along with teammate Hatfield, a 135-pounder, have extended their individual seasons. They will be wrestling for regional honors on Saturday when they will return to Temperance-Bedford.

If they finish among the top four in their weight class, the two Romulus wrestlers will

qualify to compete in the 1998 State Championships which will be staged the weekend of March 13-14 in Battle Creek.

Thompson will take a 33-overall and Hatfield a 29-13 records to the regional championships.

In the meantime, Inkster pulled off a first on Saturday when the Vikings hosted a district tournament (Division 3).

Thirteen local and area

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WYAA signs up for baseball

By TOM MOORADIAN
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Westland Youth Athletic Association officials said this week that they will begin registering prospective baseball and softball players for the coming season.

Registration will be accepted on March 4 at the WYAA Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road, north of Ford Road.

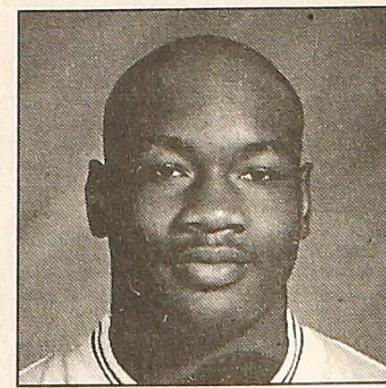
There is a registration fee and players will be called

upon to participate in fundraisers.

The WYAA plans to field girls' softball leagues in the 8 to 11 year old class as well as players for a 12 to 14 year old league (Shetland). As in the past, the WYAA will also have a 15-18 age group that will compete in the Appaloosa League.

Other divisions and their age groups include: T-Ball (4,5,6); Coach-Pitch (7,8); Mustangs (9-10); Broncos (11-12); Pony (13-14); and Colts (15-16).

For more information about the summer programs, contact Keith DeMolay at 722-1251.



Charles Thompson
Regionals

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wrestlers, representing 13 area and local teams, participated in the Inkster district.

"We managed to qualify three of our wrestlers," said a disappointed Sam Ellis, Inkster High coach. "I felt we had the talent to qualify at least three other wrestlers."

Robert Hudson, a 112-pounder, and Marlon Franklin, a 145-pounder, who qualified for regional a year ago, will be making their second appearances at the regionals after winning district medals.

Inkster also qualified 152-pounder James Barney, who finished third at the meet. (The top four in each of the 13 weight classes, advance to the regionals.)

Hudson lost his bid for the gold and settled for the silver after meeting Dearborn Heights' Albert Phillips in the championship round. Phillips won via a fall in 2:15.

Barney reached the consolation finals where he met Madison's Blaise Hunt. The Inkster grappler won a decisive victory over his opponent, 14-4.

But Franklin couldn't find a way to get past Bishop Foley's Eric Swanson, who took the bronze with a 9-1 victory over his 145-pound counterpart.

Ellis was pleased with the way his team members wrestled in the division.

"If we had wrestled anything like this at our conference meet, we would have moved up a notch or two in the final standings."

Turner

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final basket.

"Our experience definitely showed in this one," said Graham, whose team has made Wayne sweat the two times they have played this year. "To Wayne's credit, they did not quit. They were not to be intimidated."

Wayne coach Chuck Henry said that Inkster is a much improved team and that he felt lucky "to come away with a victory."

"I will tell you this, in this conference a coach's main task is to keep his team in a state of readiness," said Henry. "If you come out flat, you will be blown away."

Brian Williams, who has served as Wayne's scoring leader during most of the season, was saddled with three early fouls and wasn't around at the final whistle. He fouled out midway in the fourth period. The 6-2 junior guard finished with 10 points.

Davis was Wayne's leading scorer against Inkster. He tossed in 14 points, while Calloway added 12 and Borkins sank 11.

Borkins, a 5-9 junior speedster, also accounted for six assists and five steals, while Calloway grabbed seven rebounds.

On the other side of the score book, the Vikings got 20 points from Williams and Watson had 17. He also swept the boards for nine rebounds. Cunningham, also was in double figures with 1. He contributed 12 rebounds.

Graham and the Vikings have a busy schedule in this, the final week of the regular season. Tuesday night, the Vikings visited Ypsilanti, then on Friday will travel to take on the No. 1 ranked team in the state, River Rouge.

On Saturday, Inkster is at Ann Arbor Huron, a team that was ranked as high as fourth before Wayne embarrassed the River Rats.

Wayne's tenacious defense held Huron to single digit numbers for three of the four periods.

riod en route to a surprisingly easy 55-40 victory before Huron's Parents' Night crowd.

"It was a nice win for us," said a happy Chuck Henry.

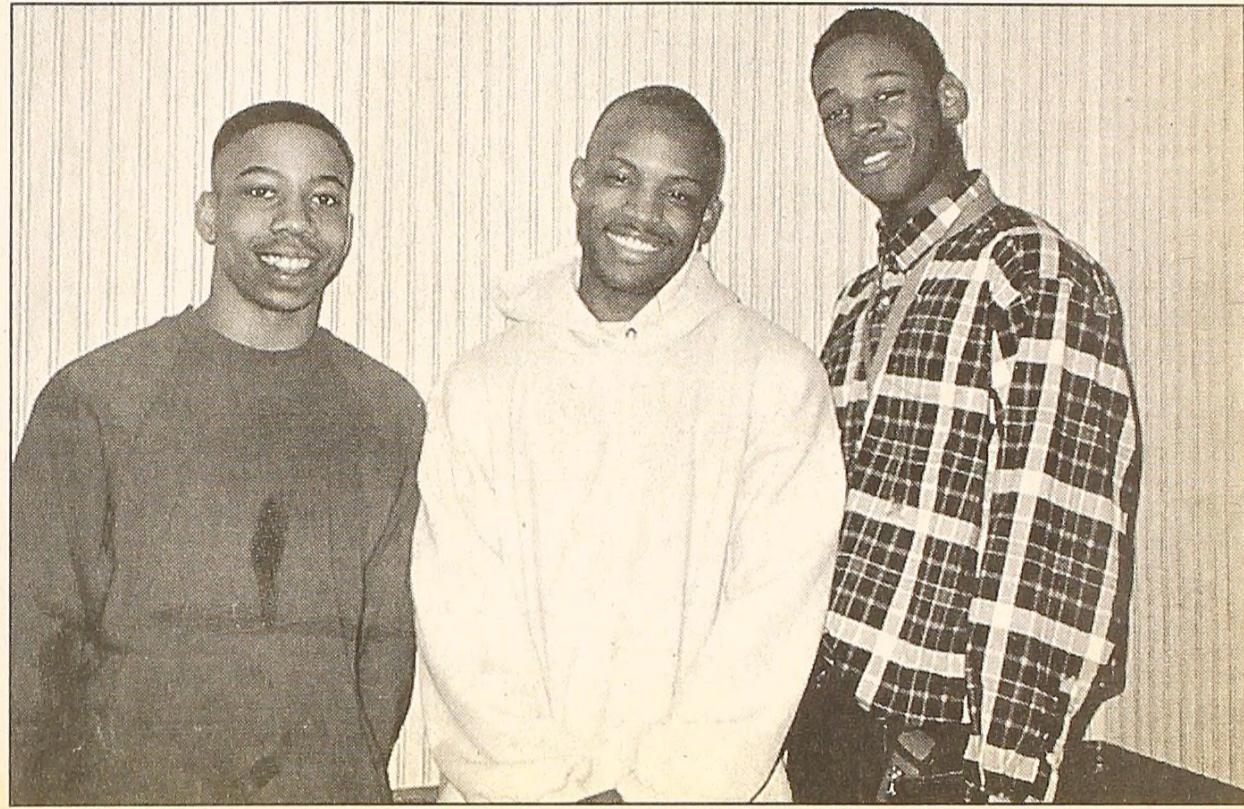
In recent years, AA Huron has been Wayne's nemesis. In the earlier part of this decade, Huron beat a 17-0 Wayne team by 16 points, then, on a separate occasion, stopped a Wayne team that had strung together 14 straight wins.

Wayne has never forgiven the River Rats for those deeds.

With Williams scoring 20 points and Davis connecting on four treys in his 13-point evening, Wayne led from start to finish in this one.

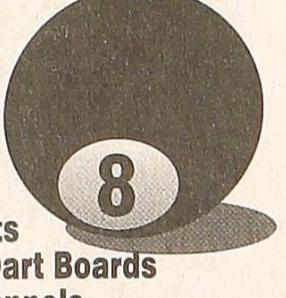
Wayne and Belleville clash tonight in Belleville. Coach Rod Fisher's Tigers won what probably was their biggest victory of the season last week when they knocked off state-ranked Redford Catholic Central, 78-72, as junior John Edwards pumped in 15 points and sophomore Kevin Harrison chipped in 14 to lead the Tigers.

CC wasted a sterling effort from its 6-10 center Chris Young who scored a game high 30 points for the Shamrocks.



Inkster qualified three of its wrestlers for Saturday's regionals at Goodrich. The three are Robert Hudson (above, from left), Marlon Franklin and James Barney. Photo by Stacy Hacker

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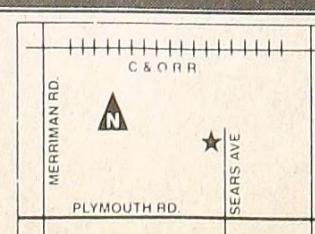
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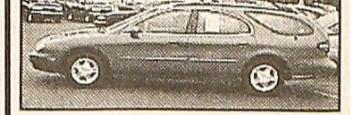


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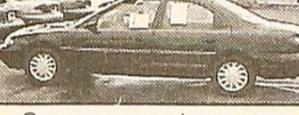


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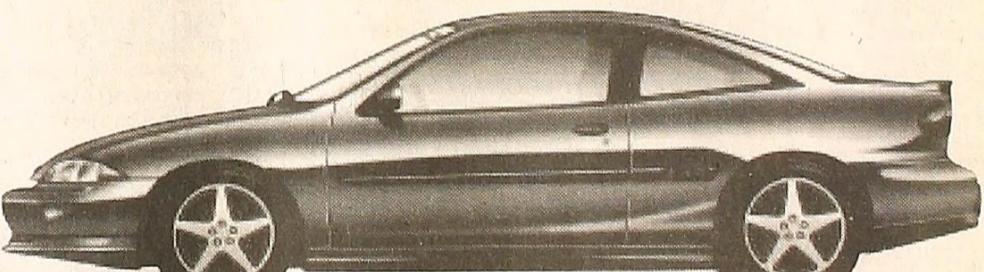
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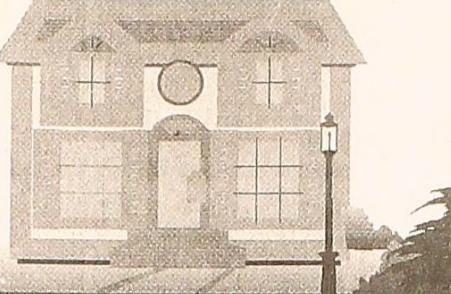
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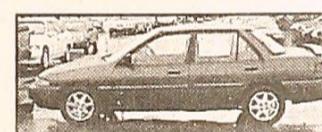
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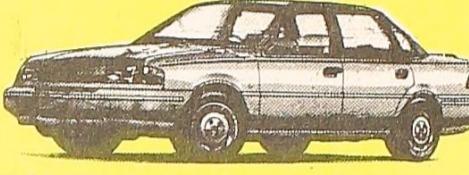
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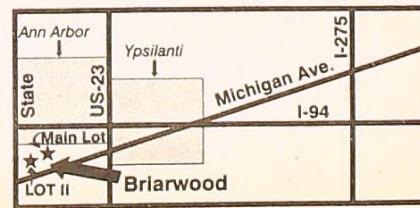
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Progress '98

Area Businesses Excited About New Year

Pastries, cakes top treats at Cakes, Sweets and More

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

What do Michael Jackson, a turkey and the Ford logo have in common? They have all graced the tops of cakes from Cakes, Sweets and More.

At one time, Cakes, Sweets and More in Inkster was a full line Italian Bakery, but Vince Ilich says they have down sized in order to specialize.

He and his wife, Violet, have owned the bakery for 12 years and have been in the business for about 25 years.

"We make everything from scratch," says Violet. "We make it all here."

Vince says the shop specializes in miniature pastries, like eclairs, cream puffs and napoleons, and decorated cakes.

He says Violet can decorate the traditional style cakes with flowers, but can also do more artistic styles.

She has made cakes with people's pictures in icing, or featuring cartoon characters, and even made a cake in the shape of a turkey for Thanksgiving.

The bakery has some pretty big regular customers, such as Crystal Garden in Southgate and Royalty House in Warren.

But Ilich says he still caters to his walk-in business and regulars, too.

"We still have cookies, doughnuts and bread because our customers are used to that," Ilich says.

He said he likes to keep the business small because he has more control over the quality of his goods.

"It's either me, my wife or my dad that does all the mixing," he said.

The Ilich's three grown daughters have also done their share of work in the bakery.

"They grew up here," says Violet Ilich.

And some people that did not start out as family have become family, they say.

Betty Easter used to be one of their regular customers, stopping in every day after dropping her kids off to school.

"When your twins are in school, you're coming to work for me," Violet



Cakes, Sweets and More in Inkster.

75¢ cheeseburger, chili fries brings 'em back to DC's

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

The bright Coca-Cola posters and yellow booths take you back to a time when a hamburger cost 55 cents. And at DC's place in Inkster, it still does.

The little diner on Inkster Rd. is a family place in every sense of the word. David and Kathleen Cole's children, Sylvia, 13, and Corneleus, 10, help out

on weekends. Kathleen's mother and aunt help out. David's nephew cooks. And their family gets bigger every day the restaurant is open.

"These people are family," Kathleen said of her employees and customers, "even if they're not related."

The Coles made their dream of owning a small restaurant come true in mid-October, and since then, business has been going well.

"We just want to have fun," Cole said. "This is a friendly, fun place to come."

One of the things that Cole was most surprised about was the warm welcome they received from the community. She said neighbors brought flowers and plants and children from the area came to visit the new diner.

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Village residents don't regret growing old

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Senior citizens living at the comfortable Presbyterian Village in Westland are treated to a unique philosophy — "don't regret growing old...it is a privilege denied to many of us."

The friendly non-denominational 206-garden apartment complex on Cherry Hill road in Westland is filled with active senior citizens and staff members, who inter-relate as one large

family, as residents are proud to state.

William Babcock, marketing manager for the unique living facility, stated that the retirement village concept was created shortly after World War II by "foresighted Presbyterian" leaders, who met in the Detroit area.

One of those villages — the Presbyterian Village in Westland — was opened in 1990. Like the others it is dedicated to supporting the principles of — health, dignity, support, happiness, security and activity for each and

every villager.

Each villager brings his/her own uniqueness to their village that adds to the physical and spiritual chemistry and lifestyle there, Babcock explained.

The modern one and two-bedroom apartments provide the best living styles for today's active senior citizens, he said, allowing them the privacy they request at times along with the cultural mixtures that keep them aware of changes in the world the rest of the

See Village, page 2



Presbyterian Village resident Joe Piccola, 101, is shown in a photo taken three years ago with his wife, Velma, and great-grandson, Jackie.

101 year man raises Italian vegetables at Presbyterian Village

Joseph Piccola — 101 — is indeed a unique man.

Piccola, who actually resembles a man in his 70s or 80s, works out each morning on a Presbyterian Village Westland stationary bike, raises a small Italian vegetable garden in the summer months, bowls regularly with his grandson and despite having only one eye (he lost one in a military accident during World War I) he drives daily to visit his wife, Velma, at a skilled nursing home facility — the Presbyterian Village in Redford.

Piccola, who is in such good health for his age, probably will be one of

those rare individuals who will live in three separate centuries — since he was born on Aug. 30, 1896 and should easily make the year 2000.

What does the mild mannered gentleman attribute his long life to? He says his daily exercise, the fact he has worked all his life and "living here in the friendly confines of the Presbyterian Village.

"If I hadn't decided to move in here in 1990, I probably wouldn't be alive today. Those daily rounds of smiles, kind words and hugs have really extended my love of life," he concluded.

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day.

Residential candidates must pass an independent living series of tests to take advantage of the Presbyterian Village lifestyle.

Life is busy at the village, Babcock adds, as residents keep involved with exercise classes, bingo games, scrabble events, bowling activities (plastic pins are used) and viewing classic movies from the 30s, 40s and 50s.

"Our residents travel to shop at grocery stores and malls on a regular basis, and do their own banking," he said. They also visit Tiger Stadium in the summer and view plays such as "CATS" in Detroit on a year round basis.

Birthday dinners are conducted once a month and seasonal parties are held such as at Halloween and Valentine's Day time.

To make the Valentine's Day event even more personal, Babcock said, residents are urged to bring their wedding photos for displays.

The residents usually prepare their own breakfasts and lunches and then

gather for a group dinner in the evenings. Emergency cords have been installed in every apartment unit for the protection of the inhabitants.

Visitors — particularly those interested in possibly moving into the village — are welcomed to come during the dinner hour to view the facilities and meet the current residents and staff.

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SMART Plus Plan provides transportation

By DON RICHTER
MCN Staff Writer

SMART is here for your transportation needs. Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation or SMART offers numerous programs to help those who find it difficult to get to their jobs because of lack of a vehicle or because of the high costs of maintaining it.

With SMART Plus Plan employers are offered these programs to improve the recruiting and retention of quality employees. SMART understands that transportation to the workplace can be costly and inconvenient. It can be a never-ending string of headaches for both employers and employees. With congested roads, high parking costs and escalating gas prices times can be hard.

SMART Plus Plan aims to eliminate these and other transportation headaches.

The Plan includes programs such as: Jobline, Get a Job, Get a Ride and Buses to Business.

Jobline is a free service for both employers and potential employees. It allows businesses to advertise job openings on SMART's automated phone service.

Job seekers can call (248) 362-1544 for the Jobline postings. Job applicants can be assured that affordable and reliable transportation will be available to the job sites of all the postings through SMART bus service.

Get a Job, Get a Ride is designed to eliminate two main financial concerns for new employees: the cost of transportation and the cost of parking. This program allows new employees to obtain a free monthly SMARTCard and information about the SMART system. The unemployed are not the only beneficiaries of this program. Any new employee, with the free SMARTCard will have a brief reprieve from monthly transportation costs. It also allows workers to get a couple of paychecks under their belts and gives them one less concern during the awkward adjustment period of a new job.

SMART believes reliable and affordable transportation is extremely important for both employees and employers. The existence of such transportation allows employers to recruit a larger number of job candidates, from whom they can expect reliable attendance.

SMART believes transportation is a key step in the recruiting process. Better recruiting helps hire better employees, who can help build a better business. Get a Job, Get a Ride helps

We promised to redesign our service and now we have numerous east-west buses in service. In fact, our crosstown routes are our most popular.

in getting this relationship started.

Buses to Business is a tax-deductible benefit that employers can offer employees. This program allows employers to purchase either monthly bus passes, good at all hours, or \$20 and \$30 vouchers to be used as cash on SMART transportation passes, for their employees. With this program, employers can give something back to their employees.

Enrolling in the Buses to Business program is simple. The employer simply signs up for the program and SMART takes care of the rest. SMART will provide a presentation for employees, explaining how to use the Buses to Business passes and how to ride the bus. SMART will also explain the benefits of the Buses to Business program.

"The crux of the SMART Plus Plan is to unite the unemployed with employment opportunities. Our Jobline is constantly growing. We now receive approximately 200-400 calls a week which is up from only about 60 a week in the summer. Our Get a Job, Get a Ride program is quite a success, too with more than 1,400 employers currently enrolled. The number of people participating in the Buses to Business program has been climbing consistently as well.

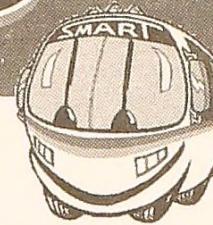
One recent improvement SMART has made has been its increase in their crosstown route.

"We had some complaints concerning our lack of east-west routes," said SMART communications specialist Doug Host. "We promised to redesign our service and now we have numerous east-west buses in service. In fact, our crosstown routes are among our most popular."

SMART provides transportation from Mt. Clemens, Pontiac, Westland, Trenton and all points in between virtually covering all of metropolitan Detroit.

For any questions regarding SMART's Plus Plan programs contact Mitrovich at (313) 223-2114 or fax him at (313) 223-2370 for more information.

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"Ask your employer to call SMART for an introductory packet."

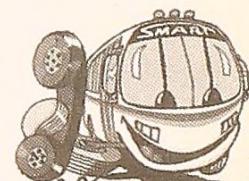
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Honesty puts shop above the rest



Jerry Lee, Jr. owner of Affordable Transmission in Dearborn Heights.

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

You're driving on the freeway and suddenly, your worst automotive nightmare becomes a reality. You can't accelerate. Your car whines, or worse, you hear a dreadful thud in the mysterious recesses of your engine.

Your car manages to hobble into a garage, and the nightmare grows even more frightening. The mechanic breaks the news without a hint of sympathy, "Transmission's shot." Now, you are dealing with the grand daddy of vehicle repairs.

Before you refinance your house or start worrying about the kids' tuition money, call Jerry Lee, Jr., owner of Affordable Transmissions in Dearborn Heights.

"I would have to say what puts us above the rest is we're honest. We don't cheat the customer," Lee said. "I have an open door policy. That means we can remove the transmission and disassemble it right in front of the customer."

"Even though they might not know what they're looking at because they're not transmission experts, you can tell if something's burnt, or it's broken or it's bad, so at least you know what you're paying for," he said.

"I offer quality repairs at an affordable price," said Lee.

Lee has been in the transmission business for over six years, and was able to buy his own business almost a year ago.

He worked for a major franchise and wanted to break out on his own "to service the customers to the best of my ability, and to make sure they can afford it."

He's confident of the quality of his repairs because he draws on a lot of ex-

perience.

"My builder has over 20 years of experience," he said, "And the mechanics, we're all family."

He says he can rely on his mechanics because, "Who's going to look out better for you than your own family?"

Lee guarantees his work 100 per cent, no questions asked for 12 months or 12,000 miles and also offers an extended three year, nationwide warranty.

"That means that if that customer has a problem anywhere in the United States, I have to pay for that," he said. "That should tell you what kind of repair I'm doing because I have to stand behind my workmanship."

Lee said he is able to keep his prices down because his business is small.

"Most shops charge \$55 to \$65 per hour. I charge \$45 an hour," he said.

He said he can do this by keeping his overhead low, without the franchise fee, and high rent.

"I can lower my labor rates to do the same quality repair, but at a cheaper price," he said.

On top of quality and a good price, Lee gives his customers respect.

"We respect the customer, not only as a customer, but as an individual," he said.

"Without our customers, we wouldn't be in business. And if we're not treating them the way they want to be treated, they won't come back," Lee said.

"I don't tell the customers what they want to hear," he said, "I tell them what they need to hear."

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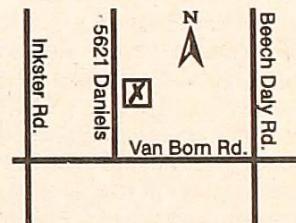
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At the Clarion Hotel, 9191 Wickham Rd, Romulus there are 247 rooms, a full service restaurant, a lounge with entertainment, indoor and outdoor pools, an atrium recreational facility and a sauna and exercise room.

Opening March 1 is a business center complete with fax and copy machines and computers for business travelers.

"We need to let people know we are here," said Kim Corol, a manager at the Clarion Hotel.

Whether you're dressed in a suit or jeans and work boots, Corol said everyone will feel at home at the Clarion.

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A family of four can take advantage of the Family Weekend Package. This includes two night in an atrium room, two large pizzas on one night and a Sunday breakfast all for \$140.

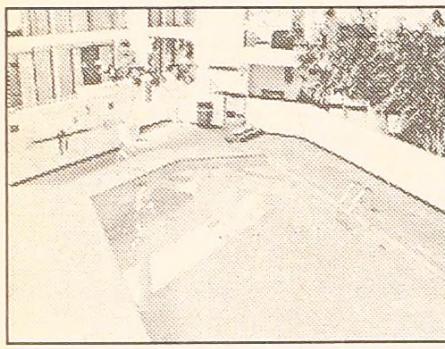
During the month of March any room in the hotel is available for \$50 Sunday thru Thursday.

The restaurant offers daily specials and weekly pizza buffets and weekend brunches.

Corl said they are also planning a Mardi Gras celebration.

"We have a real homey atmosphere and have a lot to offer," she said.

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Walton Wood ready for Grand Opening

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Where do you go when someone you love can no longer live on their own but does not want to live in a nursing home?

The answer may be Waltonwood Assisted Living Residence. They provide housing, personalized support services like laundry, cleaning, meal preparation and daily grooming as well as health care.

Waltonwood at 2000 Canton Center road will host their grand opening from 3 to 7:30 p.m. on March 5. The ribbon cutting will be at 3.

"Our goal is to nurture the mind, body and spirit of our residents and to alleviate as much as possible from

their adult children," said Denise Aleardi, manager.

Waltonwood is a state licensed residence that has 54 studio apartments available to senior citizens who need some assistance but still want to live as independently as possible.

"We maximize independence," Aleardi said.

Residents are invited to participate in the many activities at Waltonwood.

They are currently working on an activity calendar that will include ceramics, painting, baking and other projects.

There is a book nook with shelves of novels and a table in the corner just

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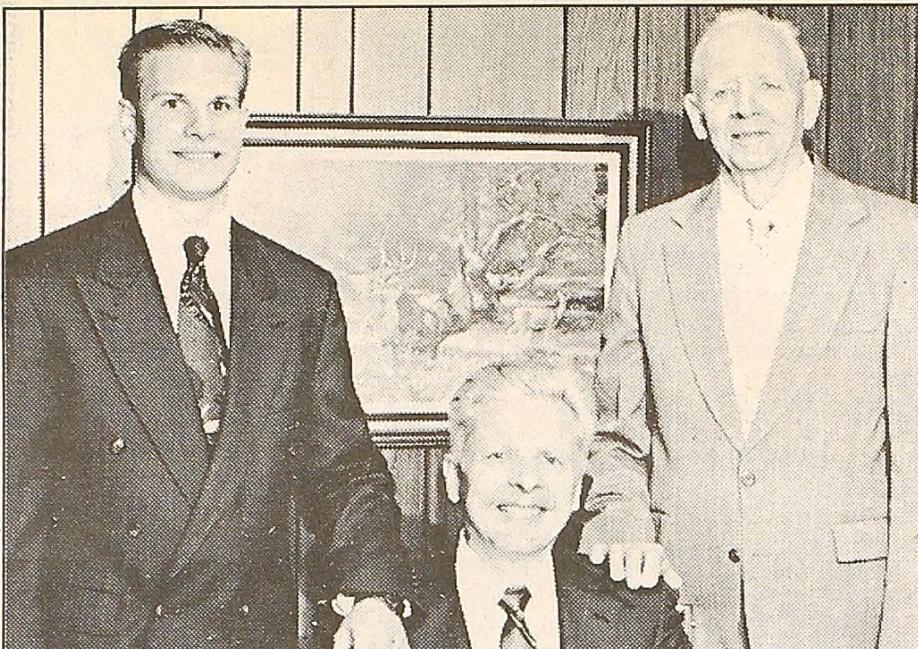
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Bergstrom's acquires Roland Brothers of Wayne

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Bergstrom's Inc. Plumbing-Heating-Air Cooling recently acquired Roland Brothers of Wayne.

"Heating and cooling companies come and go . . . but the good ones are

here to stay," said Dan Bergstrom, president of the family-owned company.

Both have been successful family-owned businesses since the 1950's.

Dan is proud to announce Roland

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Divers offers key to diving adventures

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Once again soon it will be diving season and with it comes the renewed sense of underwater adventure and excitement.

Fresh back from a national divers convention in Florida, Rich Roost, owner of Divers Incorporated at 42295 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, is filled with even more motivation to help both the novice and experience diver prepare for the 1998 season.

"Traveling underwater in the Great

Lakes area continues to be ongoing thrill for those involved in diving and snorkeling adventures," Roost said. It is not hard today to find "100 to 200 year old shipwrecks preserved in the cold waters of the Great Lakes, he added.

Roost has been aiding underwater adventurers since 1985, when Divers Incorporated opened its doors to provide assistance to divers of all varieties and skill levels.

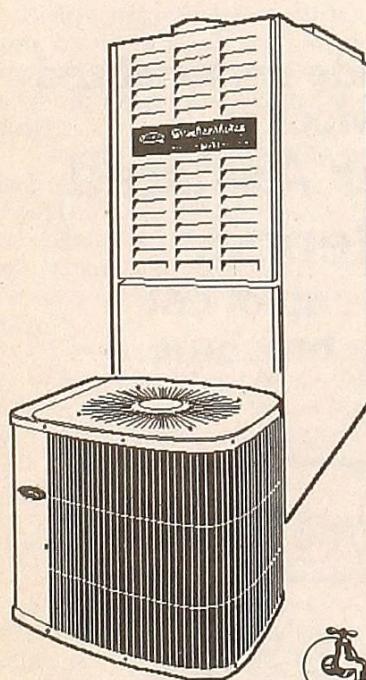
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Mike Graczyk and Dan Toon of Divers Incorporated. photo by Carol Marshall

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Andrews pharmacy doubles size, products

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Having already doubled its sales space Andrews Pharmacy at 444 Main St., Belleville, is now preparing for its grand opening this May.

Betty "Bean" Gooch, manager of the enlarged store, said while the filling of the newly enlarged sales shelves is yet to be completed, both customers and employees are already being filled with excitement for that grand opening period.

Bright new lighting, wider aisles, expansive new shelves filled with wider varieties of sales options are the key visions customers have when they enter the store's front doors.

One long time employee, Peggy Balestrieri, described the new growth of the store as "unbelievable" and "excitement grows each day, as more and more products and product lines are placed on shelves."

Having just started her 38th year, Balestrieri remembers when she first started and the store was owned by Howard Kirk and was obviously much smaller.

She feels that catering to special requests and needs of customers has led

to the spiraling growth of the store.

One man comes to Belleville twice a year to visit his daughter and stops by to purchase two cases of tobacco that he can't get in his home area, Balestrieri said.

Another long term employee at the store is Sharlene Powelle, a veteran of 26-27 years, who handles floor and giftware responsibilities.

Other customers, who only live in Belleville part of the year, make arrangements for their pharmaceutical items to be mailed to their winter residences via Andrews Pharmacy.

Gooch said medicines are delivered up to a two and a half mile radius and sometimes food items and other products are dropped off also.

Originally the store was two separate buildings and both have been razed to make way for the modern new structure.

Some of the expanded item lines include: Spenco foot products (that are hard to find in other stores), and collectibles such as "Friend of the Feather" produced by Enesco that include items bearing a Native American or Eskimo image; and Mahogany products with African-American heritage

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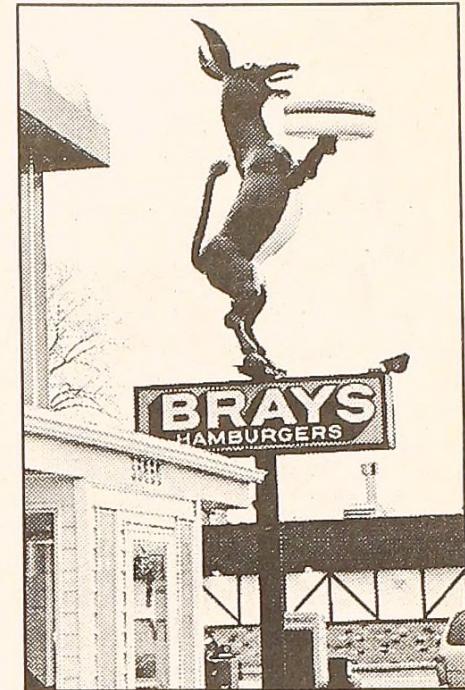
By DON RICHTER
MCN Staff Writer

Stepping into Bray's Restaurant is like stepping back in time. With the white porcelain counter, old-fashioned bar stools, stainless steel and jukebox standing in the corner, one expects to see Richie Cunningham or the Fonz stroll in at any time.

The restaurant which is a local historical landmark of sorts, has catered to generations of people throughout the 50 years that it has stood at 35659 Ford Road in Westland.

The place, which has withstood the test of time and stays strong despite seeing other restaurants and businesses fall by the wayside throughout the decades survives according to owner John Bray because of three simple rules: "Prepare good food, in a clean place with great service. We've lasted this long and have been successful because we have consistently followed those three simple rules."

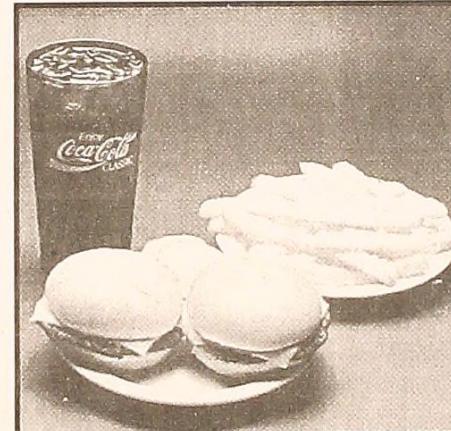
Bray's is unique because, "We have been selling the same product since 1950. We grind our own onions and serve the freshest meat everyday. We haven't changed anything in 50 years. The more the competition changes the



better our food tastes," said Bray.

Two of the more popular items on the menu are the 10 hamburger special and the 10 cheeseburger special which costs \$7.79 and \$8.79 respectively. Quite

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Bashar and Mohammed Almhiemid own and operate the Beehive.

Second Beehive brings buzz to Ypsi

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

The new Ypsilanti Beehive, at the corner of Ecorse and Michigan, was buzzing when I arrived to order their addictive beef stew.

"We want the people in Ypsilanti to give us a try," said owner Bashar Almhiemid. "We know will they will love our food and service. Just like we're the most popular family restaur-

three home-cooked soups and warm rolls with lunch and dinner, makes it possible to savor full meals at affordable prices.

At lunch time diners can make a beeline to the free soup bar if they order any one of more than 40 meals, salads, burgers, sandwiches or pita sandwiches priced at only \$3.95.

Not only attractively priced, waitresses serve the food in record time.

"I guarantee that no matter how



Diners can make a beeline to the free soup bar. MCN photo by Ivan Helfman

rant in Wayne, we will be the most popular one in Ypsilanti."

"The food is great, look at my belly," said Ed Turner, a Wayne-Westland school board member who has been returning to the Beehive ever since he held his victory party there.

Like many other regulars at the Wayne Beehive (33290 Michigan Avenue), I was curious to find out if the restaurant's free soup bar was as good in Ypsilanti as it is in Wayne. It is!

The bar, which every day features

busy we are, if you don't get served within 10 minutes, then something is wrong," said owner Bashar. Bashar and brother Mohammed Almhiemid oversee the delicious home-cooking, the fastidious cleaning, and the fast friendly service.

Typical daily specials — home-cooked whitefish, chicken stir fry, corned beef and cabbage, and my favorite, beef stew — range from \$4.95 to

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Trust and accessibility key to Burton's success

By DON RICHTER
MCN Staff Writer

Burton's Plumbing and Heating located at 34224 Michigan Avenue in Wayne takes one back to the days when businesses were family-owned, family-oriented and trustworthy.

"Our clients are very loyal," said Tom Burton, vice-president and contract manager of the company which was started in 1974 by his father. "We are a family run business with very few employees. Clients are very comfortable with us because they know they are having the Burton family working on their project. They know that if there is ever a problem or question they can just call us up and tell us about it. We're very accessible to our customers and they appreciate that."

Burton's offers clients full kitchen and bathroom remodeling services, along with full plumbing services which includes installation of water heaters, faucet repairs and pipe repairs, to name just a few.

Burton's also does all city services in Wayne.

For the past two years they have expanded their role in the community to one of builder and developer, as well.

Recently they have finished and



Tom Burton

built five new homes in a subdivision at the corner of Annapolis and Hubbard in Wayne. All of these homes are currently occupied.

Their next home building project, which is in the planning stage, will consist of five new homes on Glover Street.

"We've been doing plumbing and heating for so many years that we felt

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shopping site) carries a wide line of under-water adventure equipment, dwarfing many of its competitors who offer only two or three equipment lines.

Among the equipment Roost offers are masks, snorkels, fins, tanks, regulators, wet suits, knives, gloves, pressure gauges and waterproof watches.

Divers Incorporated also carries unique technical equipment that will allow divers to explore depths as low as 130 feet, Roost said.

Divers Incorporated is the only diving school in Michigan that is authorized by PADL and even instructs public safety dive rescue teams from Van Buren Township, Detroit Metro Airport, Washtenaw County and Livingston County.

In addition to its hours of training

Divers Incorporated also carries unique technical equipment that will allow divers to explore depths as low as 130 feet

for office divers, Roost said, "we annually train about 300 health officials and others ranging in age from 12 to 70.

"We give students a working knowledge of diving, underwater equipment and water safety," he said, "and help them to understand what happens under pressure in an unusual environment."

"Divers Incorporated's semesters extend over seven sessions and last as long as 28 hours. Lessons are available at the Plymouth or Ann Arbor locations. Private individuals and group lessons are available, Roost said.

For more information call 313-451-5430 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

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that it would be a good investment to start building homes," said Burton.

"Our homes are generally 1200-1400 square foot in size and we try and keep the price under \$98,000. With today's prices, it's nice to see young people just starting out able to buy one of our homes."

Burton's is one of the area's largest cultured marble fabricators and offers to wrap a client's bathtub with marble. "It eliminates the maintenance of ceramic tile and people absolutely love that," said Burton.

The company's hours are 9am-6pm Monday thru Friday for their full plumbing service and Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10am-6pm and Saturday from 9am-3pm for their kitchen and bathroom showroom which is managed by Curtis Burton, Tom's brother.

"We are just a small family company," Burton said. "We try to give people top quality and we manage to be available and accessible to our clients. We find that people react quite positively to that."

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Brothers move to Bergstrom's headquarters at 30633 Schoolcraft in Livonia. The move will enable the companies to serve Western Wayne County even better.

"We are thrilled to finalize this move for the new year," said Dan.

For over 40 years Bergstrom's, a full service contractor, has established a solid reputation for reliably dealing with emergencies, such as burned-out furnaces, frozen pipes, exhausted air conditioners, clogged drains, backups, and leaky toilets in homes, offices, and businesses.

Quick service is available because the company's 30-vehicle fleet is either on the road or able to be dispatched 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

They cover the entire metropolitan area, making an average of 150 calls a day. So during widespread emergencies, such as frozen pipes during cold waves or air conditioner motor failures during heat waves, people who call Bergstrom's are likely to get fast service. To make it even easier, Bergstrom's takes service calls and offers information on their website at www.bergstromsheating.com.

More important, the service will be timely, professional and come with total assurance pricing, not "guestimates."

"Our technicians quote prices before we do the work so people are not surprised," said Bergstrom.

For a \$35 diagnostic fee, a technician comes out, finds the problem, explains what's wrong in non-technical language, and quotes a price for a completed repair made with reliable name brand parts.

Besides tackling emergencies, Bergstrom's excels in installations and preventive maintenance.

Since it's much cheaper and more comfortable to fix furnace and air con

You should choose the company that gives your furnace its annual cleaning with the same care you would use if you were buying a new one.

ditioner problems before they happen, property owners are increasing turning to Bergstrom's heating and cooling service contracts, which offer premium service and lower prices. Preventative maintenance agreements include a 19-point furnace and 14-point air conditioner clean and check by a trained technician.

"You should choose the company that gives your furnace its annual cleaning with the same care you would use if you were buying a new one," said Bergstrom.

They make sure that your winter days will be warm and comfortable.

For more information, please call (734) 522-1350 or browse their website, www.bergstromsheating.com. For emergencies, please call (734) 427-6092.

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concepts made by Otagiri.

Many items still are waiting to be added, including hand dipped ice cream cones and frozen cokes.

Andrews Pharmacy also has expanded its vitamin offerings and plans to add to its children's book options. A whole row of new children's toys and games will be added before the grand opening, as will new varieties of giftware, movies on video as well as women's and men's colognes.

Despite all the new additions, Gooch said "we still are open to adding even other sales items requested by our customers."

The owner, Bill Newman, ironically is one of America's success stories, as he at one time worked in the store as a stockboy and floor manager.

Andrews Pharmacy next month will also be cited by the Belleville Chamber of Commerce for 20 years of membership.

The store is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

The store's phone number is 699-2075.

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a bargain considering prices at some other hamburger places.

Other popular items are bellybuster hamburgers. These can be ordered with single, double or triple patties and range in price from \$1.40 to \$2.99. Or one can order the original bellybuster

We're just a tycal 1950's-like hamburger place.

which is comprised of a double cheeseburger with thousand island sauce or buster sauce as it's more commonly known, for only 99 cents in March.

Regular hamburgers go for 89 cents and regular cheeseburgers for 99 cents.

Bray's also offers a large breakfast menu with prices ranging from \$1.25 for one egg and toast to \$2.55 for two eggs, sausage, potatoes and toast.

"We serve breakfast, lunch and dinner with dinner being our busiest time," said Bray.

When asked to describe his restaurant, Bray said, "We're just a tycal 1950's-like hamburger place."

Besides burgers and breakfast Bray's serves up hot dogs, coney dogs, fish sandwiches, chili, chili fries and all the regular beverages.

The restaurant with the popular donkey statue out front is open 24 hours a day, everyday.

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waiting for a card game.

So far there are four residents. The first resident was Ruth Winkel, the mother of former Canton fire chief, Art Winkel. They are still accepting applications.

A 290 sq. ft. studio costs \$2,990 per month but through March there is a special offer of \$100 off per month on a one year lease.

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\$6.95 and include soup, salad, potato, vegetable, and bread and butter.

Dinner entrees, such as T-bone steak, fresh roast turkey, and jumbo shrimp, range from \$4.95 to \$11.95.

For diners willing to order the same dinners, the price drops further: two full meals with all the trimmings are available for only \$8.95.

Kids' dinners go for \$2.75 and include a potato, a drink, and ice cream.

Likewise breakfast specials abound, including the areas most affordable all-you-can-eat weekend buffet at \$4.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children. Endless eggs, sausage, bacon, hashed browns, French toast, waffles, pancakes, biscuits with gravy, and five to six fruits are available.

Over 20 different breakfast specials are offered seven days a week, not just on weekdays. Most specials cost \$1.99.

Kids' breakfasts cost \$1.75 each.

If you don't like your order, it's no hassle to return it for another.

"You don't pay for something you don't eat," said Bashar.

It took Bashar, who worked his way up from busboy and dishwasher to restaurant owner in 11 years, three years to build up the Wayne Beehive to its present quality and another year to

Our customers feel like family. When they go to Florida and see a bee, they buy it and give it to us.

open the second one in Ypsilanti.

"I opened both restaurants in former Big Boys," he said. "In both I put in brand new culinary equipment and enlarged the kitchen."

The larger kitchen enables both Beehives to offer large menus with something for everybody, adults, kids, dieters and hearty eaters.

For his success in Wayne, as well as his community activities — Bashar gave away more than 3,000 Thanksgiving turkeys — Bashar was selected Wayne's 1997 Citizen of the Year.

Other Beehive features are sparkling clean tables and floors and senior discounts.

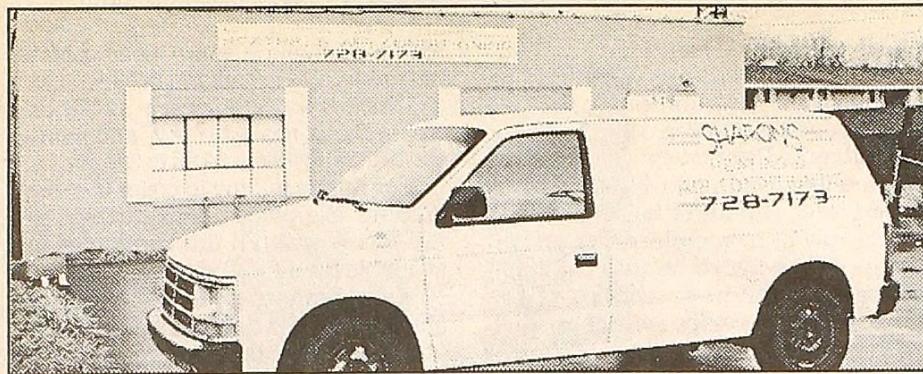
In return, Wayne customers show their appreciation by showering the Almhemid brothers with bee-related gifts, predominantly stuffed bees brought back from vacations.

"Our customers feel like family," said Bashar. "When they go to Florida and see a bee, they buy it and give it to us."

Already customer-supplied stuff bees are hanging in Ypsilanti.

Hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Saturday; and 7 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday.

For more information about the Beehive or to order a delicious carry-out, please call 483-7572 in Ypsilanti and 467-6193 in Wayne.



Despite Sharon's move, speed service trucks bring heating and cooling service to you. Photo by Carol Marshall

Sharon's heating moves up, not out

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

The middle of winter is no time to find out that your furnace repair service has left town. Sharon Klicker, owner of Sharon's Heating and Air Conditioning, wants to let her customers know not to panic. She has not left town; she just moved to a bigger building.

Her new location is at 31776 Cowan in Westland, just west of Merriman.

The new phone number is 425-1415. Klicker has been in the business

since 1981. She started out as a helper and liked it so much she got her license and went into business for herself.

Now, she has over 20 employees working for her and the business has grown so much, she needs more room. That is why she is so excited about the move to her new location.

Klicker said the bigger place will allow her to carry more stock and take care of her customers better.

"I try to give people good quality

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Coldwell Banker sales continuing to rise

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Michigan economy is thriving and so is the sale of real estate in Western Wayne County, Ted Martin of Coldwell Banker, Legacy Inc. Realtors, proudly declared last week.

Martin, a real estate broker who has served the greater Wayne-Westland area for the past three decades, said the current strong Michigan economy has created a great stability in the real estate market, as many homeowners today are remaining in one home for an average of 12 years, compared to seven years just a decade ago.

Thus housing improvements made by the homeowner and the regional economical upgrades are hiking the value of local homes so that today the average home in Wayne is valued about \$80,000 and in Westland it is \$95,000.

Martin jokes that his realty firm is the "oldest in town and is ready to mark its first anniversary as a Coldwell Bankers, Legacy business.

His company began back in 1968 as Martin Realtors and several years later became Earl Keim Realty, the first Michigan real estate franchise.

In 1987 the business switched to a Red Carpet Keim designation (which

then had 60 such offices throughout Michigan). Then a year ago, Martin said, the local real estate firm decided that a national hook-up was needed to service even a wider client base and joined the Coldwell Banker system.

Because customers today move not only out of the city, but many times out of the state, Martin said, Coldwell Banker, Legacy gives them a wide variety of options for transferring to homes throughout the U.S.

Obviously his growing number of clients (business has risen 30% since the switch to Coldwell Banker, Legacy) attest to the positive acceptance of his business switch.

Martin is also proud of his early support of the recent voter approved referendum that will substantially upgrade the Wayne-Westland School District.

The veteran Realtor realizes that school quality is one of the first questions out of prospective home buyers' mouths, when they ask questions about the Wayne-Westland area.

Now that the millage has been strongly approved by local voters, Martin declares "the capital investment in our schools will provide long term improvement for the district and thereby enhance the value of our homes."

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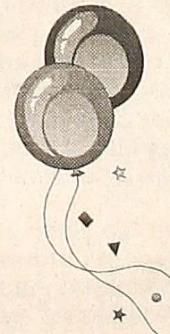
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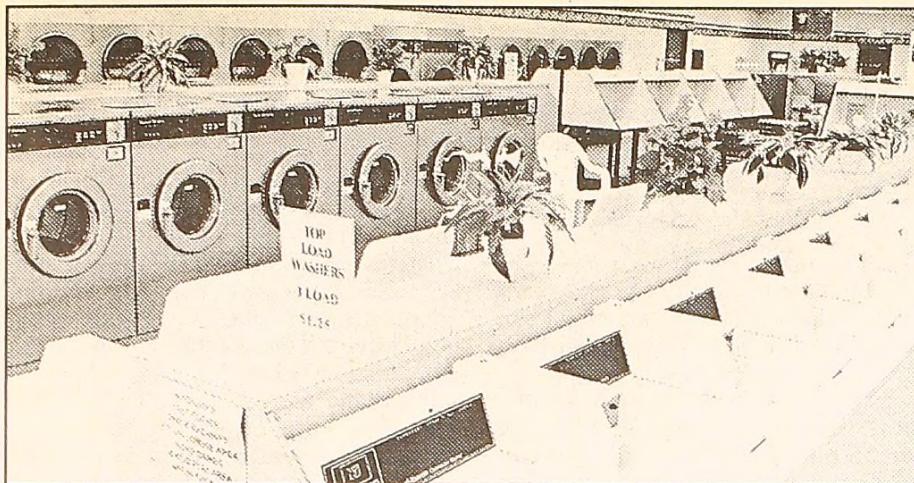
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Scrubbin Bubbles Coin Laundry in Westland.

Scrubbin Bubbles wants to clean your laundry

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Everybody has to do it. Nobody wants to do it. It's the laundry. Bob and Lynda Walter want to make it better.

The Walters own Scrubbin Bubbles Coin Laundry on Wayne Rd. in Westland.

"Laundry is a chore and coin laundries reflect that it is a chore," Bob Walter said.

This laundry is very different from others. "Dark. Dirty. Dingy," is how

Walter describes most laundries.

"We felt there had to be a better way," he said.

"I've always felt that people who do their laundry in a laundromat weren't getting a fair shake," he said. "The equipment was less than standard, less than par, poorly maintained."

So, Scrubbin Bubbles offers some solutions. First and foremost, Walter said, is cleanliness.

"People come in with dirty stuff.

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Women locksmith earn male customers' trust

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

When you walk through the door at Westland Lock and Key, Inc. located at 35665 Ford Road in Westland. It's very likely that the person who greets you will be a woman and you know what? She's a locksmith. Who said you have to be a man to be a locksmith.

Westland Lock and Key, Inc. has been at the 35665 Ford Road location for 32 years, where there have always been two to four women locksmiths on

duty.

Jan Crawford, current owner and daughter of Chuck and Betty Sanders, the original owners, tells us that she is not only a second generation locksmith but that she has been a locksmith for 25 years.

"It started when I was four and on the road with my dad in his service van," she said. "Now Dad rides with me in my service van and we work together."

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Women locksmiths Jan, Linda and Sandy Crawford. MCN photo by Ivan Helfman

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St. Mary's teams with Karmanos

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institution have signed an agreement to enhance the availability and quality of cancer treatment programs for patients in western Wayne and southern Oakland counties.

The organizations will work together on cancer treatment—with a focus on medical and radiation oncology—patient support, education and outreach services. Residents in Livonia and surrounding communities will benefit from the enhanced cancer research, treatment options and education programs.

"This affiliation is an opportunity to share resources with one of the nation's leading cancer centers, giving patients in our community greater access to the latest cancer treatments," said Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO, St. Mary Hospital. For example, the Karmanos Center Institute is one of two sites in the nation that offers neutron radiation therapy and an international leader in stem cell transplantation. These sophisticated therapies will add another dimension to the cancer services available to St. Mary Hospital patient.

According to Karmanos Cancer Institute President and CEO William P. Peters, M.D., Ph.D., the agreement will make clinical research studies—widely believed to be the best option for cancer treatment—available to more patients. "Patients need the therapies of

tomorrow, and they need them today," he said.

As part of the agreement, the two organizations will establish and maintain a system to share information about quality, service, access and cost. They also work together on cancer prevention and early detection through community screenings and education programs.

The first jointly-sponsored program by St. Mary Hospital and the Karmanos Cancer Institution, a Prostate and Mammography Screening Day, will take place Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at St. Mary Hospital.

The Karmanos Center Institute is recognized as one of the nation's leading cancer research, treatment, education and outreach centers. It is affiliated with The Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University in Detroit, and receives support from several United Way campaigns.

St. Mary Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia, is a 304-bed, full-service, acute-care community hospital. It provides a full-range of cancer services, from diagnosis, assessment, treatment, and follow-up, including mammography, chemotherapy and radiation oncology. St. Mary Hospital is sponsored by the Felician Sisters and affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

For more information, please call

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Choi Kwon Do offers skills and discipline

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

They are the martial arts of the next millennium. Choi Kwon Do, 11820 Belleville Rd, Belleville is owned by Gene and Lisa Duncan.

Their form of martial arts teaches practical effective self discipline and overall holistic health to approximately 130 students aged 5-years old and up.

"Our school caters to the family environment," Gene said.

Their program is so popular because they don't do any competitive tournaments or free sparring.

"We take the competitive aspect out of it. It's dangerous to think of fighting as a sport," Gene said.

Instead students work together to help improve and develop their skills.

At Choi Kwon Do, students will not only learn self defense techniques but also about respect and discipline, Gene said.

Gene and Lisa Duncan own and operate Choi Kwon Do in Belleville.

character development are an important part of their program.

Gene said because they are a non-competitive school, many of their students are women and children. Some of them have been abused in some way and come to Choi Kwon Do to learn to defend themselves.

Many of them are shy and very quiet at first but then as they become more comfortable, a sparkle begins to glow in their eyes again.

"That's the reward," Gene said.



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Vie Labadie, right, swivels her Homecrest high back patio chair toward Luanne Kamin.

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Hot Deals at Patio Furniture Outlet

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Winter blahs getting to you? Then cure them with a quick trip to Patio Furniture Factory Outlet (5630 Hoover, Trenton), where it's always summer and the deals are always hot.

A summery feeling pervades the inside of Michigan's largest patio furniture store like a tropical breeze.

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door chairs, lounges and couches from California.

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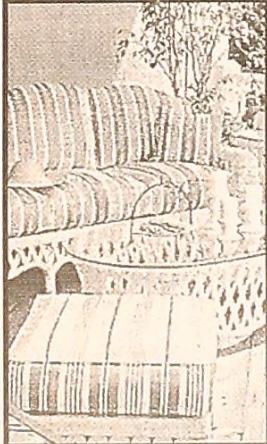
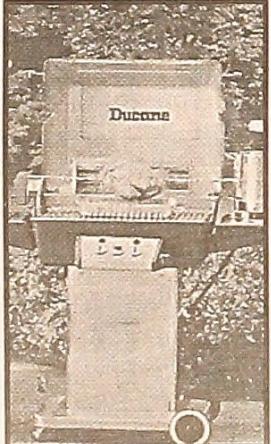
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Garden City Medical Center treats all

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Parents coming home from work late in the day and finding sick children awaiting them are getting some strong medical assistance today, thanks to the recent opening of the Garden City Medical Center.

The center, located at 2020 Middlebelt road (a short distance from Ford road) in Garden City, is already providing top medical care for patients of all ages (infants through senior citizens) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through

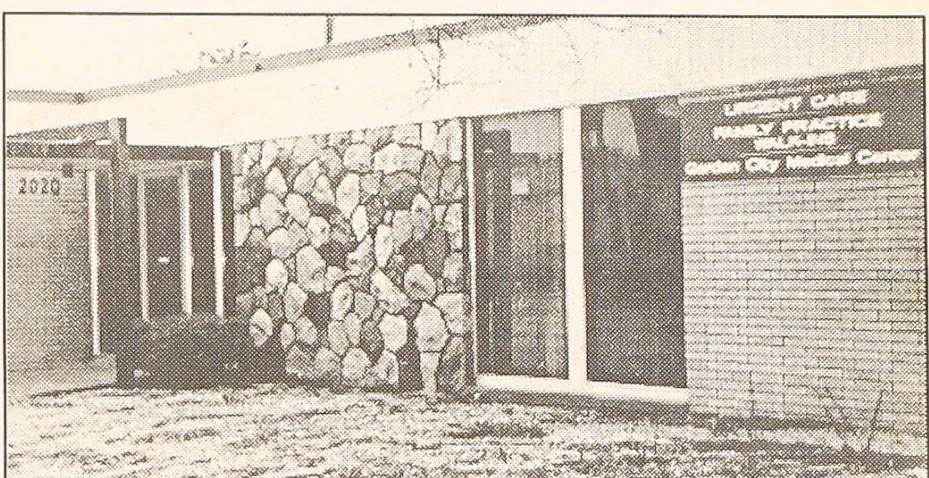
Friday.

The medical team made up of five board certified doctors is equipped to handle a multiple series of health woes, both urgent care matters and long-term health concerns.

The clinic's staff is geared to make patients' visiting there "comfortable, convenient and affordable," Dr. Thimimiah Ramesh, an internist and pulmonary medicine physician, revealed earlier this week.

"We realize that in our current hec-

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Garden City Medical Center

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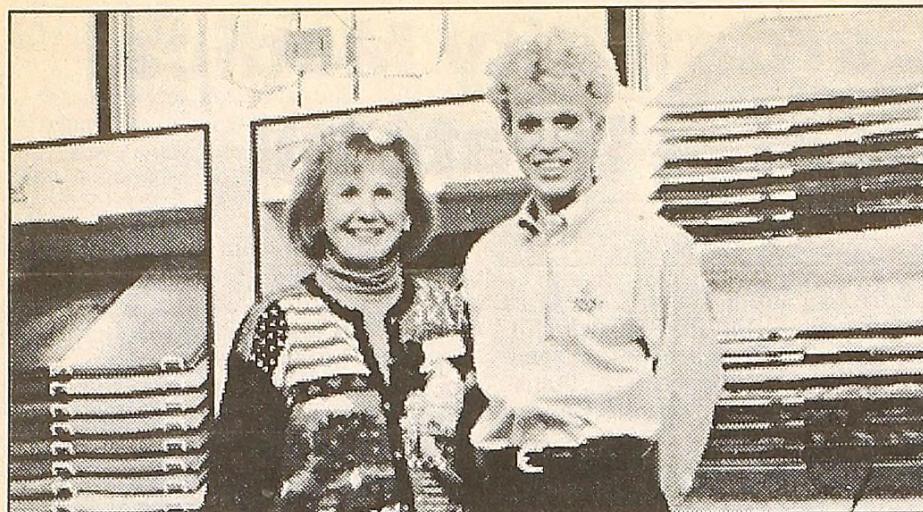
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Fran Francavilla and Cathy Buchanan of Independent Carpet One in Westland. photo by Carol Marshall

Independent Carpet One offers stress-free shopping

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Stressed out? Cathy Buchanan of Independent Carpet One in Westland understands.

She said that she read a study which shows that 80 per cent of Americans are stressed out, so she wants to make buying new flooring "a stress free experience."

Buchanan says a well trained sales and installation staff helps to make that

possible.

Buchanan said buying carpet can be very intimidating.

"Have you seen all those samples?" she asked.

Because there are so many choices, often customers don't really know exactly what they want. Her sales staff knows the product inside and out and can help customers make the best

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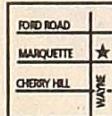


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Quality work at reasonable prices helps shop succeed

By DON RICHTER
MCN Staff Writer

If you find yourself having problems with your car and can't figure out what is wrong with it, take it over to Autoline repair shop located at 33073 Michigan Avenue in Wayne. They'll help you out.

The complete automotive repair center has been in business for four years and has built a solid customer base with its reliability and expertise in fixing your vehicle and fixing it right.

"We do good quality work at reasonable prices and we back everything up with warranties," said owner Al Bellovary, who along with partner Ron Siedlak operate the shop.

The shop performs all minor or major repairs which your vehicle may need. Oil changes, coolant flushes, suspension work, brake repair, engine work, diagnostic work and automotive computer repairs are just a few of the many services that Autoline provides.

Currently they have an oil change special for \$16.95 which includes checking all fluid levels, giving your vehicle a complete look over and replacing your old oil with new top of the line Castrol oil.

The business began when Bellovary and Siedlak, who had been working in automotive repair for years, decided to take a chance and open up a shop of

We decided to open here in Wayne because it seemed like a nice place and we felt that we could succeed here.
- Al Bellovary

their own. It was a decision.

"Business is going well. We're both very pleased with it," said Bellovary.

"We decided to open here in Wayne because it seemed like a nice place and we felt that we could succeed here. We just want to serve the community and be a positive contributor to it," he said.

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Parkway Office Supply Inc. is the last store of its kind

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Sometimes, less is more. Take Parkway Office Supply, Inc. in Westland, for example. The small store is one of the last of its kind in the area.

"We're one of the last stores that do retail and commercial," said Jon Hisey, owner of Parkway Office Supply.

Jon and Carol Hisey opened the store in 1969 and now their son, Jon and his wife, Regina, own it.

Hisey said they have seen a lot of changes over the last 30 years.

The biggest change is computers, he said.

"The computer supply business is by far, our top seller," Hisey said.

Hisey said the last three years have been the busiest the store has ever had.

"Service, service, service," is why Hisey says the business has done so well.

"A lot of people only want to deal with small stores," he said. Service and flexibility are the main reasons why.

"Our success has been that we've got great people working for us," Hisey said. Many of his employees have been there longer than he has owned the

store.

Because of the longevity of his employees, customers get knowledgeable service from someone who does not have to check with the boss or read a manual to find out what store policy is.

"They can answer any question," Hisey said.

"At big companies, everything is in a book or a manual, and that's the way it is. That's the only way things are done," he said.

Because Parkway is a small business, he said they are more flexible than the big office supply stores.

He said that the small store also offers superior customer service, partly because the employees are all very familiar with the business and partly because that is the way of small business in general.

He said Parkway will do their best to offer same day service on supplies. "When you really have to have it today," he says that can make a big difference.

He said they also have free next day delivery on orders of \$25 or more, where most bigger companies require a \$50 purchase for delivery, and once again, "We can be flexible."

Hisey also offers UPS, fax service



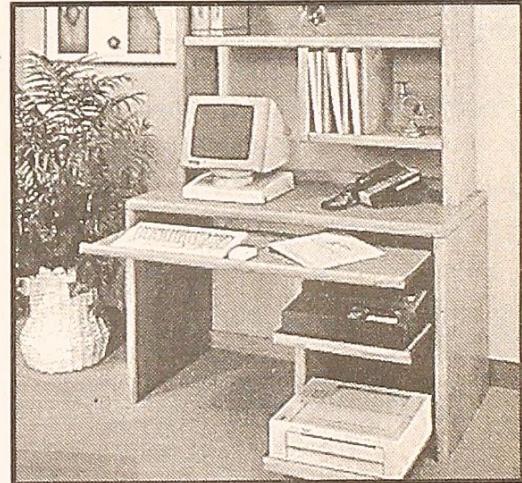
Neighborhood office supply owner Regina Hisey still offers personal service and copying.

Parkway Office Supply, Inc. is located at 2118 Wayne Rd. in Westland. The phone number is 722-0550.

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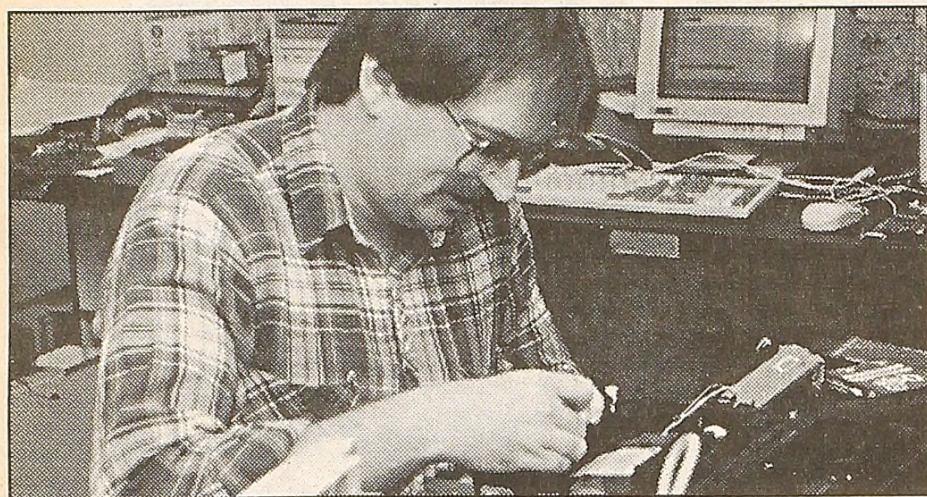
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Ron McKelvey, owner of Motor City Micro., works on a printer.

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

Sometimes, the little guy has it all over the big guy. Such is the case for Motor City Micro in Belleville.

The small computer business at 885 Sumpter Rd. offers service that the big guys just can't, says Ron McKelvey, owner of the computer store.

"We custom configure computers for our customers," he said, "Rather than the big stores, who just sell you what they've got."

He said this means that he can work

better with customers to build them the computer that will serve their needs and fit their budgets.

McKelvey said that buying a computer from a small business has another advantage: on site service.

McKelvey will set up your computer system at your home or business, as part of the service he offers.

"With big stores, once you buy it, you're on your own," he said.

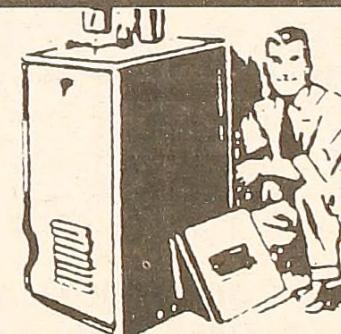
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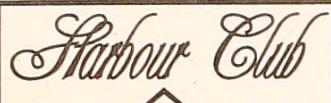
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and reasonable prices," Klicker said. She said she sells good products and stands behind them.

She said that perhaps most reassuring is her 24-hour service.

"We're real easy to get a hold of," she said. "We're always here."

The hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. "But actually, we're from about 7 to 7," she said.

Customers also appreciate her help when they want to make a repair themselves.

"People can call up, and I'll try to answer their questions for them," she said.

She and her staff are all well trained in service and repair. She said she goes to training classes two or three times per year and her employees are all trained.

"We train them ourselves," she said, so she knows they are qualified.

Klicker said that many of her customers appreciate the prompt service her company provides.

"We try to give an appointment time," she said, and even when they are really busy, she can still give about about a three-hour time frame.

Above all, she said, she's honest.

"We do safety checks and wouldn't condemn service if it isn't bad," she said.

What Klicker most wants customers to know is that she hasn't moved out of Westland. She has just moved up.

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tic lifestyle that working parents today sometime find health emergencies in their home, when they return from work in the evening. Thus we remain open until 9 o'clock on weeknights and encourage patients to stop by without even an appointment," Ramesh said.

The clinic also has Saturday hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The offices are located next to the Garden City Library and across the street from a large McDonald's restaurant.

Phoned messages can be left at the clinic (734-522-3770) during non-office time periods.

Doctors also are trained to handle cuts, stitches, fractures, sports and traffic injuries.

All type of physicals are available at the clinic including: school, sports, pre-marital, return to work and many others.

Illnesses of all types ranging from sore throats, ear infections, urinary tract and vaginal infections, diabetes and allergies also are treated.

Doctors at the Garden City Medical Center accept many types of medical insurance payments and even will work out payment plans for those families lacking insurance today.

The clinic also provides services such as ultrasounds, echo cardiography, EKGs, x-rays and laboratory tests.

The other doctors include: Dr. Conrad R. Pearl, a family practice physician who has worked in the area for more than three decades; Dr. Rajnikant Nagarsheth, a board certified pediatrician; Dr. Jean Marie Pierre, a gynecologist and family practice physician and Dr. Haraga Chengappa, a board certified family practitioner.

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choices for their lifestyles.

"All of our installers, by June, will be certified installers," she said. "So customers are guaranteed professional installation, all the time, every time."

She said she and her mother, Fran Francavilla, president of the business go to conventions every six months, and even though she has been in the business her whole life, she learns something new every time she goes.

"We offer a twenty year warranty," said Buchanan, "And on some of our carpets, we can offer a 12 month satisfaction guarantee.

"Carpet One is the only store that will give you a twenty year guarantee and a 365 day guarantee," she said.

Being part of the number-one buying group in the country allows Carpet One to give their customers the best price on flooring, as well as offering protected prices, Buchanan said.

"If you find carpet at another store for less than at ours, we'll match that price and give another 10 per cent off," she said. "So you're fully protected."

Fran and Carl Francavilla had stock in the store and took it over in 1977, but had both been in flooring before they were married. Fran is the president of the business, and Carl is now retired. Their son, Carl, is vice-president; their other children, Bob and Cathy are secretary and treasurer.

"My life's all carpet," Buchanan said.

The family business recently joined forces with Carpet One, a year and a half ago.

"Most of our business is referral and reputation," she said. "We've been doing something right for all these years. We're just trying to make it better. Change is good, they say."

Independent Carpet One is located at 1400 Wayne Rd., south of Ford. Their phone is 729-6200.

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eastern Michigan," said Vie Labadie, who owns and operates the Patio Furniture Factory Outlet and the nearby Labadie's Casual Furniture Gallery (1707 West at Fort, Trenton) with her husband, Norm Labadie.

Inventory is provided by the best manufacturers: Homecrest, Tropitone, Telescope, Brown Jordan, Woodard, Lloyd/Flanders, O.W. Lee, Pompeii, Lyon-Shaw, Grosfillex, Windsor Designs, Winston, Lane Indoor/Outdoor Wicker & Rattan, Ducane Gas Grills, and many more.

All pieces have warranties ranging from seven years to life. This means pieces will last for generations.

The pieces increase enjoyment of a condominium patio or balcony, or a suburban home's deck. The rattan and wicker furniture, including popular motion furniture, add flair to indoor entertaining. "Labadie's Casual Furniture Gallery has the largest display of rattan and wicker in Southeastern Michigan," said.

When the annual Spring warehouse sale begins March 15, prices will be slashed even further, up to 60 percent off.

For more information, please call Labadie's Casual Furniture Gallery at (313) 676-3020.

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She started working for her parents in the shop in the early 70s. She swept the floors and cleaned the shop with hard work, dedication.

After many years of doing everything from picking locks to installing sophisticated electronic lock systems, Jan has worked her way to the top. She not only owns Westland Lock & Key, Inc., but she is also the first women president of the Michigan Master Locksmith Association.

"One of the toughest obstacles we have as women locksmiths is that we often have to earn our male customers' trust by handling their security needs professionally and efficiently — the same obstacle that most women face in any male-oriented trade," said Jan.

However, Jan feels that it's a challenge that builds strong character and that makes life and her work in the locksmith field all worth while.

Sisters Linda and Sandy are also second generation locksmiths working at Westland Lock & Key, Inc. They have 30 years of locksmith experience between them. And what experiences they have had.

"Once I took a prisoner's ball and chain off of a groom," she said. "His friends had put it on him because he was about to be married."

But most of the time Jan and her sister locksmiths are fulfilling their mission: "to protect you from crime."

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Martin heads a strong team of 15 real estate agents, who jointly list 250 years of service to the public.

Martin said he strongly believes in repaying the community he serves by being active in many levels of community service and by encouraging many of his agents to do the same.

Martin has been active with the Oakwood-Annapolis Hospital Foundation and has been a past director of the Wayne-Westland YMCA. He also is active with the ARC program of Western Wayne County.

As a founder of the Wayne Westland Schools Building Trades Program, Martin has helped direct the construction of a new home by the students in the program each year.

Such community service also has had another positive impact on his firm, Martin said, as many of his sales people have been with his company for 15-20 years or more. The average work time of agents with many other realty firms is much more limited — about three to five years, he said.

Coldwell Banker, Legacy has E-mail service and is actively involved on the Internet system. These high-tech programs aid customers coming to this area and those seeking to find new homes throughout the U.S., he said.

Coldwell Banker, Legacy Inc. Realtors is located at 505 N. Wayne rd., in Westland. The phone number is 313-729-2500.

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St. Mary Hospital at 1-800-494-0566 or the Karmanos Cancer Institute at 1-800-KARMANOS. More information on these organizations can be found on the internet at www.stmaryhospital.org and www.karmanos.org.

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and labor warranty, and usually has the parts on hand in his store to make the repair.

He explains that often when you buy a computer from a warehouse style store, if it needs a repair, the computer must be sent out for repair, and will often be gone for weeks.

"That's just a lot of down-time," he said, and that can be terribly inconvenient for those who rely on their computers.

McKelvey and his staff are knowledgeable and are not just sales people.

That knowledge has cost him sales.

When someone wants to make a \$200 upgrade on a system that's only worth \$200, he advises against it.

The customer will appreciate it.

"I'm trying to attract business, so I aim to please," he said.

For more information, call 697-7292.

Bubbles, continued from page 11

They want to take home clean stuff," he said. "You don't want to have to wonder if it's really getting clean."

Convenience is also key. The laundry opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 11 p.m. (last load has to be started by 10). Scrubbin Bubbles also offers a drop off laundry service, and Walter said usually if you drop laundry off before work, it will be done that day for pick up.

Comfort is next. Walter said most laundries have uncomfortable chairs, some stuck together like benches. So they outfitted their shop with big, comfortable lawn chairs with arm rests.

He said the wide aisles make a more comfortable atmosphere as well.

"State of the art" equipment, like the touch pad washing machines allow for a better wash than the standard "push a button and go" washing machines in most laundromats, Walter said.

They also made room for a play area for the children.

People have to do laundry. There's no way around it, and it's a chore, said Walter. So, his goal was to make it as pleasurable as possible.

"It's good enough for my customers; it's good enough for me," Walter said.

Opened in July, the Scrubbin Bubbles biggest challenge right now is getting people to change their habits.

"It's worth it to give us a try," he said. "It's time to try something different. There are a lot of things you don't like about where you're going. We have the solution for it."

He met one couple who usually do their laundry at another nearby laundry. They came to Scrubbin Bubbles because the other place had a lot of machines broken one evening.

"We'll never go anywhere else," the woman told Walter, and followed up with the one compliment he loves to hear, "This is the cleanest laundry I've ever been in."

Walter says he hears that all the time, and he can never hear it enough.

"There are a lot of really special people that come in here," Cole said.

The customers that first showed up a few months ago are becoming regulars. "People are starting to feel like this is their restaurant," she said.

Maybe what keeps them coming back is the 75 cent bacon cheeseburger or the chili fries.

"It's always summer at Dc's," a sign reads, and Cole said the Hershey's ice cream helps make that statement a reality.

The friendly banter between the customers add to the warm and friendly atmosphere, as well as the super conscientious service from Wesley, the morning waiter.

"How about some coffee?" he asks, with a wide and genuine smile.

The diner is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Cole says she would like to start opening earlier for breakfast in the near future.

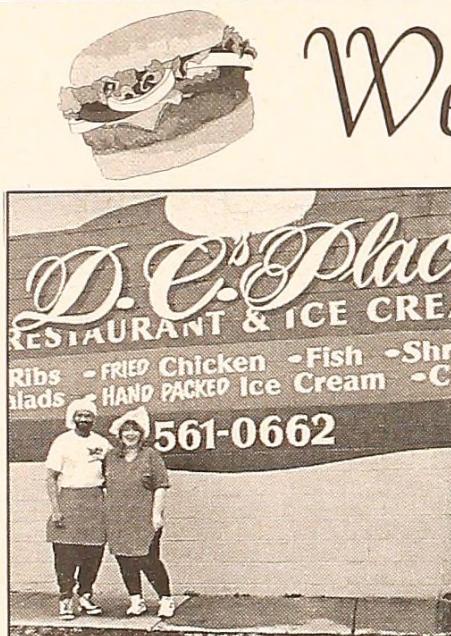
DC's also has a busy take-out service.

The diner is located on Inkster Rd., a half mile south of Cherry Hill. The phone number is 561-0662.

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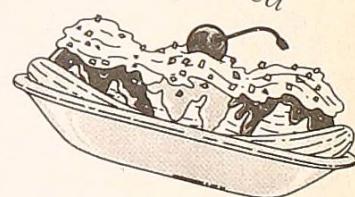
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"She's family," said Vince.

Ilich says what the bakery does best is pastry and cake, especially wedding cakes, and what sets them apart is quality and price.

"Some bakeries do, say 50 dozen in a weekend. We often do 500 dozen," said Ilich of his miniature pastries.

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- Violet Ilich

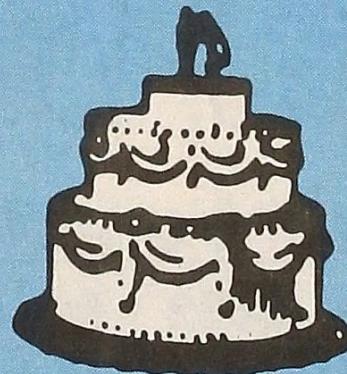
The business has been in the family for a quarter century and continues to grow strong, said Ilich, "The area has been so good to me."

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